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## BRITAIN AND AMERICA TO BE WARNED.

### STARTLING TOKYO REPORT.

### EQUALLY SENSATIONAL MOSCOW STORY.

### FOREIGN OFFICIAL RECALLED.

### MANCHURIA INTRIGUE.

THE FEAR is growing that the Manchuria crisis has yet to reach its climax. Report has it that Japan is warning the Powers against interference. A Reuter message from Moscow tells a Soviet story of foreign intrigue to embroil Japan and Russia in war.

A GREAT SENSATION HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE PUBLICATION IN MOSCOW BY THE OFFICIAL TASS AGENCY OF A REPORT OF THE RECALL, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE SOVIET, OF A MEMBER OF A FOREIGN MISSION IN MOSCOW, FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF THE PLOT.

The official's name or that of his country are not disclosed, but the Tass report says that the man concerned is alleged to have tried to persuade a Soviet official to stage an attack on the Japanese Ambassador with the object of causing a Soviet-Japanese War.

Meanwhile, a story reaches the Colony from Tokyo to-day, stating that the Japanese Government is preparing a Note for despatch to the British and American Governments warning them against interference in Japan's affairs in Manchuria. It is said that the Note will declare that interference at this stage will merely increase the seriousness of the situation and make matters worse.

### AMERICAN NOTE TO JAPAN.

Washington, Dec. 24. The anxiety of the United States Government over developments in Manchuria is attested by an announcement issued by the State Department to the effect that fresh representations have been made to Japan to prevent renewed hostilities.

The United States Ambassador in Tokyo has been instructed to express the concern with which the American Government views the reports of Japanese military move-

ments which are contemplated at Chinchow.

The Ambassador has also been instructed to draw the attention of the Japanese Government to reports from the military observers of several nations, including the United States Military Attaché, that there is no evidence that China is preparing any offensive movement.

It is understood that France is making similar representations, and it is believed that Britain will do likewise.—Reuter's American Service.

### LEOPARD KILLED ON MAINLAND.

### AFTER MAULING VILLAGER.

Villagers of Chung Pui in the Shataukok District, report having shot a leopard seven feet long on Sunday last, after it had mauled one of the villagers who, however, was not seriously hurt.

According to a belated report received at Police Headquarters this morning, the leopard was shot in a ravine north of Chung Pui village.

The villager, who had been mauled, Wong Fun-yau, aged 24, refused to be taken to hospital for treatment.

### HOME FOOTBALL.

### SOME STARTLING RESULTS.

Home soccer league leaders fared very badly yesterday, though Aston Villa secured a brilliant 7-0 victory over Middles-

### MOTOR-CYCLE MISHAP ON THE PEAK.

### Mr. and Mrs. Taylor in Accident.

HURLED INTO ROAD

An alarming accident befel Mr. and Mrs. Alan Taylor shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning when returning by motor-cycle to their home at 550, The Peak.

It appears that Mr. Taylor was driving his combination, and when descending Stubbs Road near Jardine's corner, on their way to Magazine Gap, an unknown car came round the corner suddenly, off the wrong side of the road, in order to avert a collision, Mr. Taylor was compelled to swerve over the right-hand side of the road, and the motor-cycle was hurled into the road.



The opening meeting of the Macao Greyhound Racing Club is fixed for to-night, when a big crowd is expected. There will also be racing on Sunday. The above pictures were taken during a trial meeting last Sunday. Top shows a section of the grandstand, and at bottom is seen part of the course.

### XMAS SHOPPING TRAGEDY.

### WALL TOPPLES ON SHOP.

### SEVERAL DEAD.

London, Dec. 24. The eve of Christmas has been marked by a terrible calamity in Port Elizabeth, one of the most prosperous towns of Cape Colony, known as "the Liverpool of South Africa."

The disaster, which has resulted in the loss of several lives, occurred in the shopping centre of the town, and was caused by the collapse of the walls of a building which was in process of demolition.

When the walls gave way, they completely buried a shop, in which, at the time, there were six saleswomen and many customers making their Christmas purchases.

The total death-roll is not at present known, but it has already been ascertained that five people were killed, while two are missing and three others have been seriously injured.—Reuter.

### One Franc Equals 80 Cents!

### PASSPORT OFFICE ARITHMETIC.

Your passports will cost you more. This is the effect of a notification in the current issue of the Government Gazette, which doubles the fee hitherto charged.

The Passport Office's new scale of charges comes into effect on January 1st, and is as follows:—Issue of Passport, \$10; Issue of Travel Certificate and similar documents, each \$4; renewal of passport, for each year of renewal, \$2; endorsement of passport, otherwise than at the time of issue of renewal, \$4; transit visa, normal fee, 80 cents; entry visa, normal fee, \$3.

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### NO WOMEN J.P.s.

### Government's Decision.

### COLONY NOT YET READY.

Hongkong is to have no women Justices of the Peace after all, the Government reaching the conclusion that the Colony is not yet ready for such appointments.

This much is indicated in the Objects and Reasons of the Bill to make provision for proceedings in reference to juvenile offenders, a draft of which appears in the current issue of the Government Gazette.

The Ordinance represents in its main features the Bill drafted by the committee appointed to report on measures required for the institution of Juvenile Courts in Hongkong.

Not Yet Ripe.

However, the provisions recommended by the Committee, in the matter of associating Justices of the Peace with the Magistrates for the trial of juvenile offenders have been omitted from section 3, as it was felt by the Government after careful enquiries that the time is not ripe for prescribing such association and in particular that the Colony is not yet ready for the appointment of women Justices of the Peace. Section 19 (4) has also been enlarged to make provision for the detention of remanded or convicted persons only in places suited to receive them.

Under the Ordinance, it is made an offence to publish the name, address, school, photograph or anything likely to lead to the identification of any young person brought before the Juvenile Court, except with the permission of the Court.

Imprisonment as Last Resort.

Another provision is that no young person shall be sentenced to imprisonment if he can be suitably dealt with in any other way, such as probation, fine, corporal punishment or commitment to a place of detention, reformatory or industrial school.

The Ordinance is based partly on the relevant provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, the Children Act, 1908, and partly on a model Bill which has been recommended by a similar Committee in England.

Mr. S. Basile, of 55, Nathan Road, Kowloon, reports that he observed some time between 11 p.m. and 12 a.m. last night, a motor-car with a woman driver and a man passenger, both of whom were wearing dark clothing, and who were driving at a high speed, and who were observed to be in a state of excitement.

### WORLD CRISIS.

### Bankers State the Case.

### Absence of a Bold Lead Marked.

### PRESS IN MOOD OF PESSIMISM.

London, Dec. 24. The official summary of the report of the special Advisory Committee under the Young Plan was issued late last night at Basel. In its conclusion, the committee states that Germany has established a claim to a moratorium, as provided for by the Young Plan, during the year commencing July next.

In view of the inter-dependence of various countries, the Government of the world cannot ignore the situation of Germany. Since the beginning of 1931, the crisis has taken on formidable proportions—exchange disturbances, general unemployment and the closing of Bourses have had profound repercussions in all countries.

The magnitude of the crisis, in the Committee's opinion, exceeds the relatively short depression envisaged in the Young Plan, to meet which the measures of safeguard contained therein were designed. The Young Plan contemplated a steady expansion of world trade. In fact, the opposite has occurred.

Economic Realities.

The Committee considers it the duty of Governments to examine without delay, in the light of economic realities, the problems imposed by Germany's inability to pay. Some steps are necessary if the efforts of the German Government to protect its monetary position are not to be compromised.

The Committee realises that it would be difficult to release Germany from the obligations that she is at present incapable of meeting if the burden of such payments were simply to be transferred to others. The Committee suggests that transfers from one country to another on a scale so large as to upset the balance of payments can only accentuate the present crisis.

It believes that the adjustment of all reparations and war debts to the troubled circumstances of the world, without delay, is the only step capable of restoring lasting confidence.

No Final Solution Yet.

Owing to the late issue of the report, there is no detailed comment in the Press. Referring to the report and the ratification of the Hoover Moratorium by the U. S. Congress, the Times says the difficulties are so complicated and raise so many controversial issues that it is hopeless to expect that a final solution will be discovered, or, at any rate, accepted at once. It compares the attitude of the British Government, which is pressing for a general comprehensive settlement, and the view of the French Government that what is wanted is a temporary adjustment to meet what it is hoped may prove temporary difficulties, and argues that the uncompromising opinion revealed in the recent Congress debates in the United States would seem to make a final settlement out of the question.

Forced to Common Effort.

It adds that "circumstances often prove stronger than resolutions, and circumstances now seem to be conspiring to force the world to a common effort." The Manchester Guardian says the actual recommendations of the Committee will probably disappoint those who had looked for a bold lead, but it will, nevertheless, strengthen the hands of those Governments who believe that the only way to deal with the world's financial crisis is by a common effort. The Guardian adds that the Committee's recommendations are "a step in the right direction, and a step which the world must take."

## Bulls and Inners

### From the Office Butts.

Foochow on the Min River is enjoying an era of peace. No Min all right for everybody except the spies!

Even under the imitation greenery, many a misall too the line!

These unbreakable gramophone records may be all right for their owners, but they're rough luck on the neighbours.

Nature Note:—The smell of the gift cigar is once again in the air.

Shanghai's weather is becoming so cool as almost to amount to snobbishness.

Gardening Hint:—The best time to take rose cuttings is when your neighbour isn't looking.

Financial Note:—The word "only" on a cheque is not intended to persuade the bank manager to allow you to overdraw your account.

Hubby now realises how much he will have to pay for the Christmas present which his wife bought for him.

One thing about a plum pudding, it's usually in good spirits on Christmas Day.

Lots of 1931 New Year resolutions will be used again next week.

Says the Editor stern. We must have some verse: To rhyme with the Season Festive.

In distraction I turn, Think of puddings and curse, Feeling fuddled and muddled and restive.

Crackers and caps, Brandy and snaps, Squeakers and rattles confuse me, Mottos and jokes, Cocktails and smokes, With brightness and zest don't confuse me.

That pheasant I ate, Was killed much too late; With whisky my liver has hardened.

So if I renege, I really must beg, For once in a while to be pardoned!

—CYN.

Maybe the idea at the back of these futuristic New Year cards is to convey arty greetings!

Britain seems determined to be down on the dumps rather than down in the dumps.

We read that the leather trade is booming at Home. Push in boots!

Your fond aunts may send you some warm knitted socks, And girl friends may give you cigars.

While those not relations may send invitations (And offer to fetch you in cars).

But amidst these bewildering price lists and stocks The staunchest of givers may sway.

And hence the assertion that tactful coercion Makes Father the one to give way.

Christmas may be over, but many a cheque book feels the effect of Santa claws!

As far as we can see, a certain professed gardening enthusiast confuses potting with petting!

Judging by the heavily laden stockings, the Christmas Eve is a most successful one!

These Christmas festivities are joyous an era of peace. No Min all right for everybody except the turkey.

To-morrow's weight-lifting contests remind us that lots of people found difficulty in raising themselves from the table after dinner last night.

We don't believe the story of a housewife having put a Hongkong dollar in the Christmas pudding. It's too hard to swallow.

Bricklayers are hoping that the erection of tariff walls at Home will give them more work.

Another infamous saying:—"Thanks ever so much for your present; it was just what I wanted."

We were grieved to be disillusioned on a cheque is not intended to persuade the bank manager to allow you to overdraw your account.

It's joy to a nearly-bald man to be told that his hair is growing—so long as it isn't growing less.

A doctor says nervous people should not indulge in heavy meals during the festive season. Only the brave deserve the fare!

Local postmen now known more than they want to about the "Parcel Wave."

We understand that the lady who, in a moment of reckless abandon, inadvertently swallowed a thimble last night, is feeling awfully sorry!

We read that girls are becoming more and more interested in chess. Naturally; they like putting men in their places.

Lots of Hongkong chimneys do not draw. But what is home without a smother?

Says a Home paper:—Wherever the English language is spoken, there you will find golf being played. Yes, but what language!

Some of these blase youngsters should get the slipper without hunting for it.

Isn't it remarkable what fine poker hands you get when playing bridge?

To Hongkong Hikers:—The best way to keep the sun out of your eyes during a walking tour is to get the chauffeur to put up the hood.

Nature Notes:—The call of the leasor sobotuffer may now be heard echoing from the undergrowth of the toadspangle thicket to the aspidistra grove and back again. Nature protects the little creature from capture by providing it with the means of disguising itself as a discarded sandwich wrapper.

"Young people," says a writer, "will stop at nothing nowadays. Except, of course, petrol stations."

A Christmas Paradox:—When ordering roast goose you get annoyed if the "boy" does not give you sauce.

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Miss Bibo, who was the only one to get a letter from Santa Claus, says she was very disappointed.



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# LOCAL ESTATES IN ADMINISTRATION.

## TESTATOR MAKES REQUEST TO CHARITY.

A bequest to charity is contained in the will of the late Ma Joe-gum (or Kum), merchant, late of No. 2, Babinington Path, Hongkong, who died at No. 18, Rua Horatia, E. Costa, Macao, on June 7, this year. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Au Shi, of No. 2, Babinington Path. Local estate amounts to \$47,300.

Testator directs that his estate be realised and divided into ten shares. One share is to be "donated towards the charitable fund Christian Society Hospital as a token of respect." Half of another share is to go to the Kung Yick Shu of his native village for its expenses, and the other half is to be used for repairing ancestral graves, any balance to be used for producing interest for worshipping purposes.

The remaining eight shares are given over to the executor to administer.

## Death Presumed.

The late Tso Sui, alias Tso Su, alias Tow Sui, alias Ho Sue, late of Oakland, San Francisco, U.S.A., who died in April, this year, on board the s.s. President Madison, while on a voyage from Seattle to Hongkong, left Hongkong estate worth \$22,400. Letters of administration have been granted to a son, Tso Woon-lu, No. 62, Connaught Road West.

The late Tso Sui disappeared from the ship during the voyage, and on a motion coming before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) leave was granted for death to be presumed as having occurred in April, 1931.

## RECENT ARRIVALS AT AQUARIUM.

### BABY BEARS, SNAKES AND KINGFISHER.

Several recent arrivals at the Aquarium in Des Voeux Road have added to the interest of the various specimens there and are well worth visiting.

Chief among them is a pair of baby bears, that are only eight months old. These should prove amusing to children, for they gambol and play round in their cages. Of the common Asiatic brown bear type, this couple was caught 26 miles from Wuchow, and were the first bears to be seen in the vicinity. At present they are only about a foot in height but will grow rapidly to a big size.

A blue kingfisher with its gorgeous plumage is another interesting specimen that twitters merrily and swoops down to the pond specially built in its cage to catch the fish placed there for its food.

The aquarium has also added to its stock of snakes, among which is the rare water snake, which is found only in sea water. This particular reptile was caught off Repulse Bay. There is also a pretty green bamboo snake and a couple of young pythons. Although now only about a foot long, they will soon grow to the immense size of the fully-grown specimen already in the aquarium.

## STEAMER AFIRE.

### OOSTKERK DAMAGED AT ROTTERDAM.

Rotterdam, Dec. 23.  
The steamer Oostkerk with a cargo of copra and oil has been seriously damaged by fire in Rotterdam harbour.—*Reuter.*

The Oostkerk is a steel screw vessel built in 1914 by Howaldswerke A. G. for her owners Vereenigde Nederlandsche Scheepvaartmaats. Her port of registry is The Hague.  
She has a gross tonnage of 8,085 tons and a net tonnage of 5,002 tons.

# BASEL EXPERTS' REPORT.

## GERMANY'S PLIGHT STRESSED.

Basel, Dec. 24.

The Basel experts' report emphasises that transfers from one country to another on a scale so large as to upset the balance of payments can only accentuate the present chaos, and release of a debtor country from the burden of payments which it is unable to bear, may merely have the effect of transferring that burden to the creditor country, which, in its character as debtor, in its turn may be unable to bear the burden.

Analysing Germany's capacity to pay, the committee says Germany is peculiarly susceptible to a great crisis owing to the large amount of her short term foreign debts.

A census taken by the German Government shows that \$26,000,000 was owing at the end of July. Germany had to meet in 1931 with drawings of capital totalling about \$245,000,000, which, after using other resources, caused a drain of gold and foreign exchange from the Reichsbank of \$85,000,000.

## Germany's Plight.

Germany's industrial production fell between 1928 and 1931 by one third, resulting in the unemployed increasing to five million. Germany's demand for capital to fill the gap left by the war and its aftermath, was met to a substantial extent by an influx of capital estimated by the bankers' committee at \$300,000,000. Though \$500,000,000 was offset by reparations, the balance of \$200,000,000 together with Germany's own saving, led to large development of public and private enterprises in 1925 to 1930, when no less than \$1,640,000,000 was invested, of which \$1,120,000,000 represented investments by public authorities.

The report concludes by expressing the opinion that it is certain equilibrium in Germany will ultimately be restored, with the assistance of the measures suggested in the report.—*Reuter.*

## Britain's Part.

London, Dec. 24.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, interviewed in connexion with the Basel committee report on war debts, said the Government ought to meet without delay. The British Government was ready to meet immediately.

"For God's sake let us meet at once," declared Mr. MacDonald when interviewed at his home at Lonsdalemouth. He added that the Basel experts' report shows very plainly that the Governments ought to meet without a moment's unnecessary delay.

It is understood that the International Reparations Conference will be held at the Hague.

Mr. MacDonald's ruddy health is returning in consequence of golf in his invigorating native air, though he still devotes long hours daily with his secretaries over immense files of correspondence and State papers. The Premier and Miss Ishbel will be joined to-day by their son Malcolm, and will be spending together a quiet Christmas.—*Reuter.*

## American Opinion.

Washington, Dec. 24.

Widespread temporary or permanent default next year by the United States' debtors, it is the opinion here, will be one result of the findings of the Young Plan advisory committee.

It is believed that at least some will invoke clauses in their debt agreements permitting a suspension of payments, amounting to about \$388,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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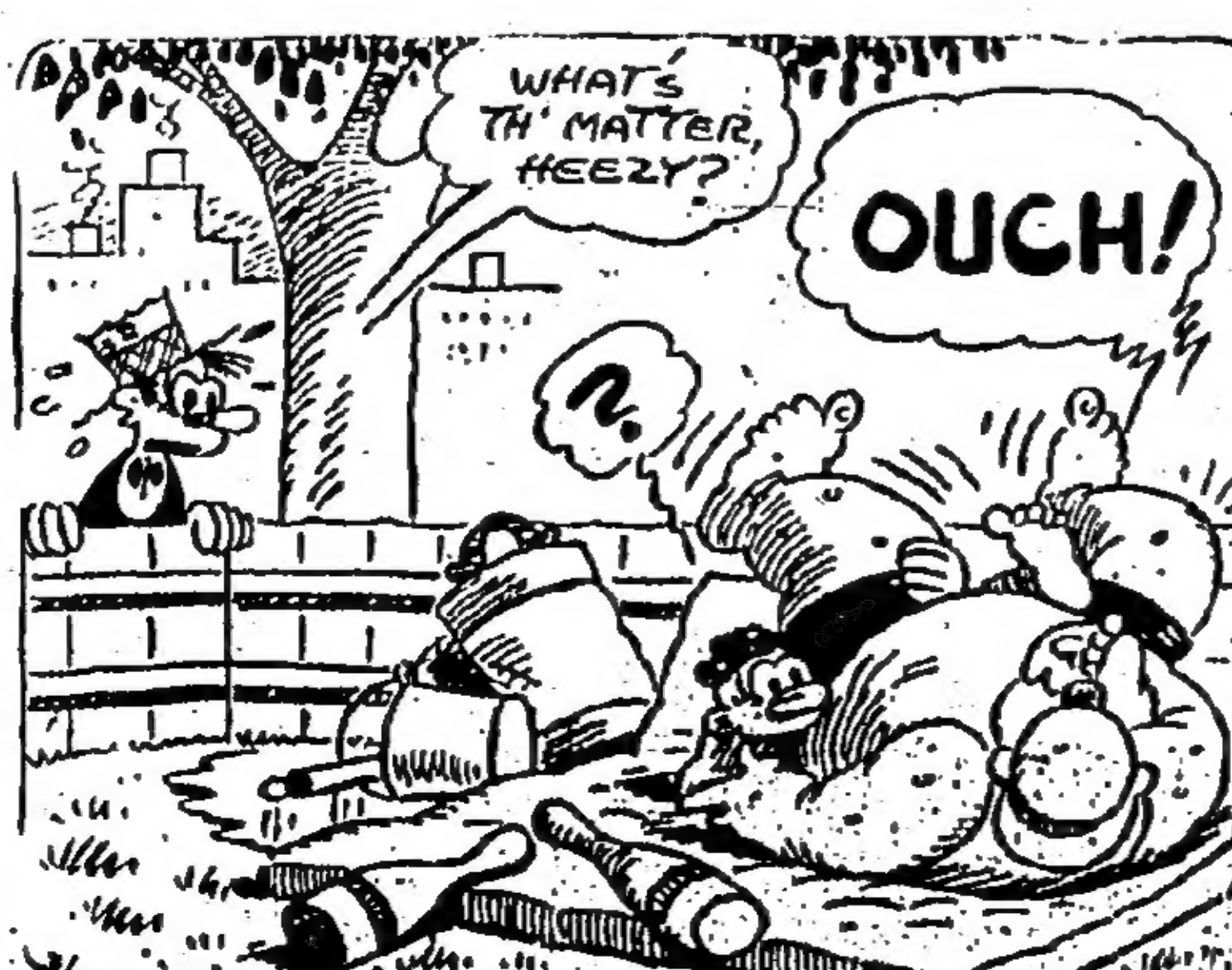
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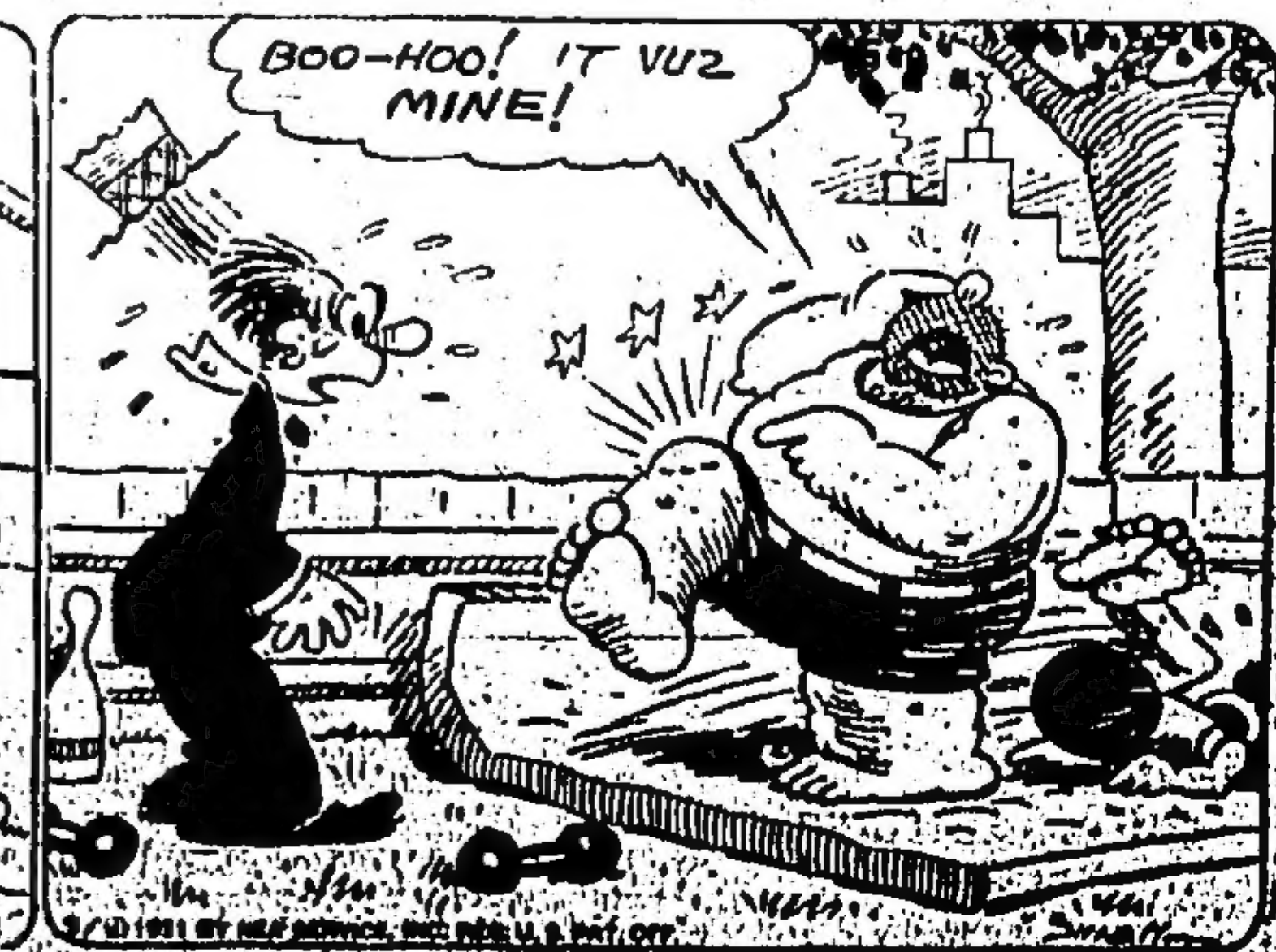
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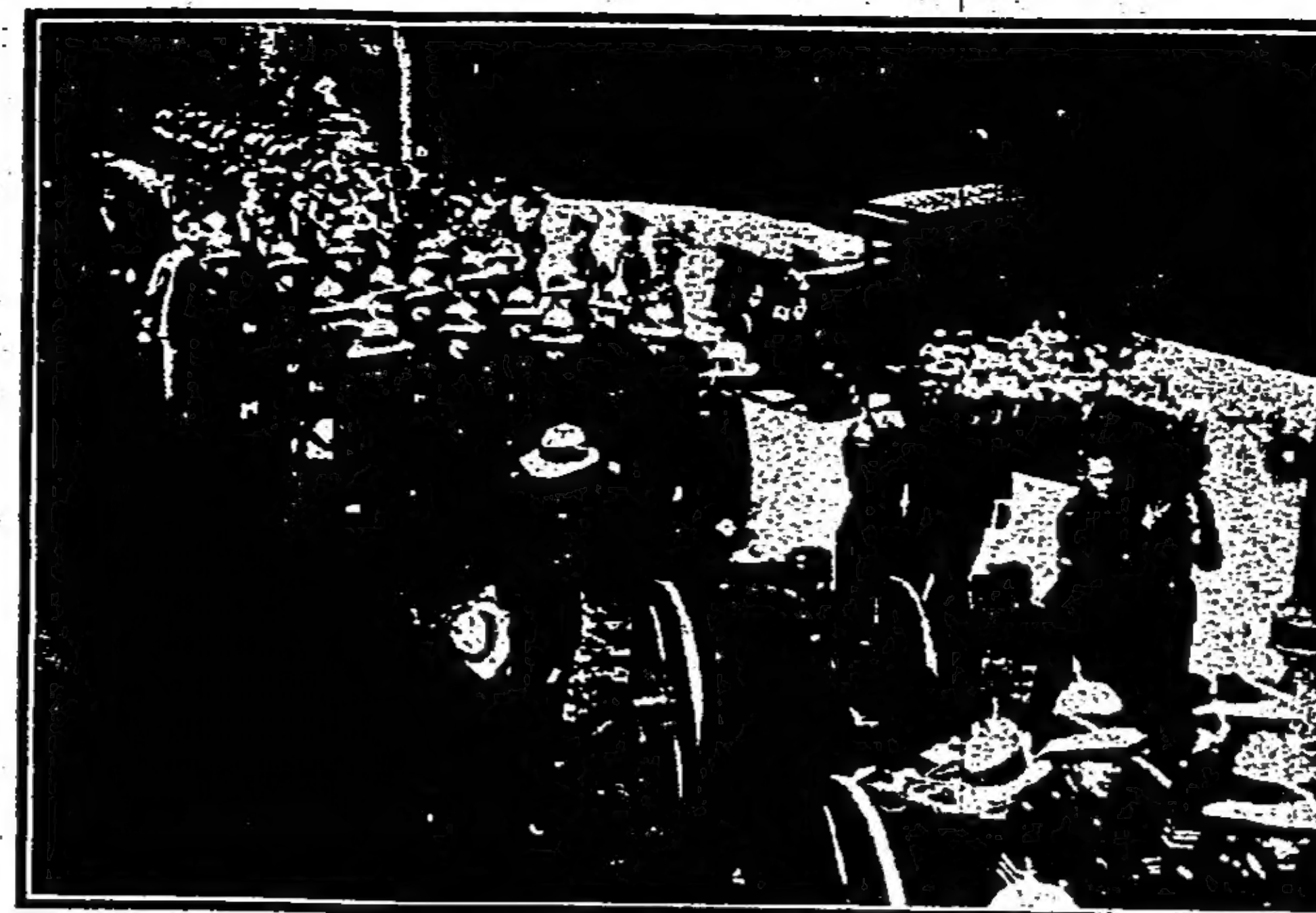
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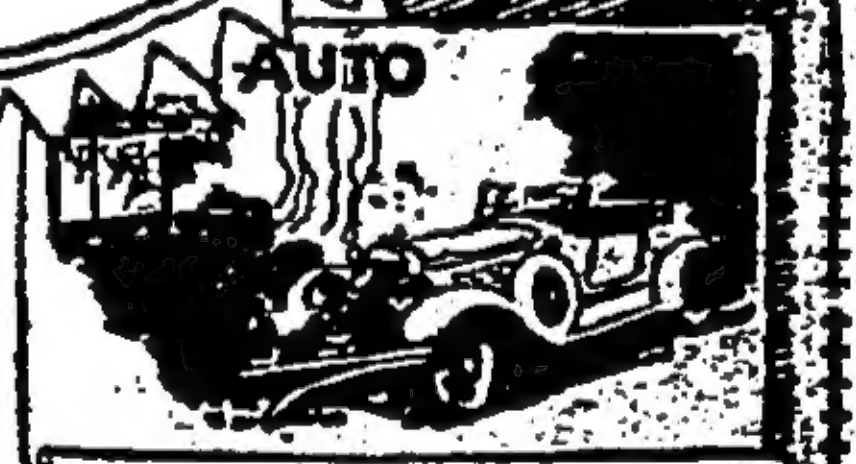
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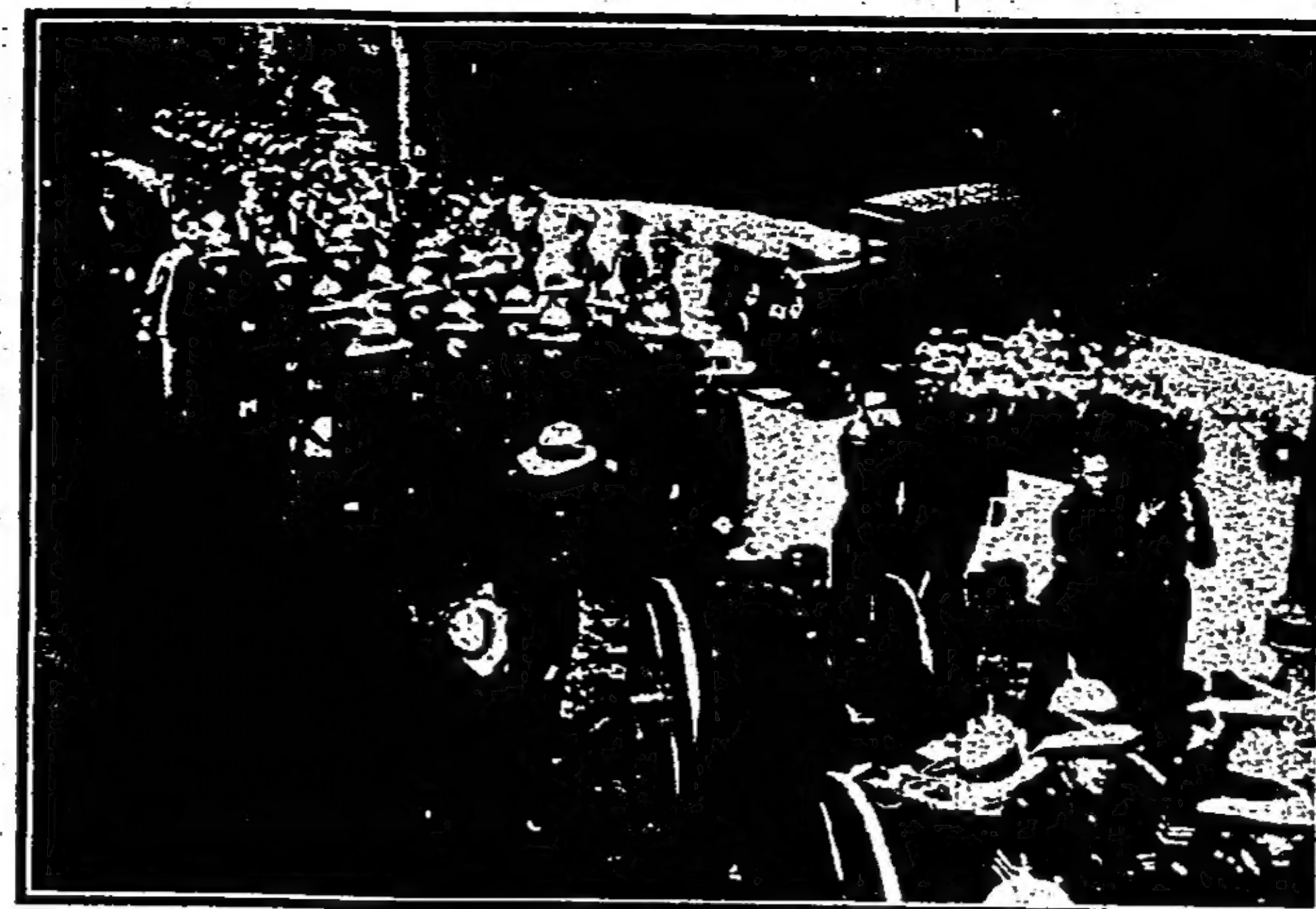
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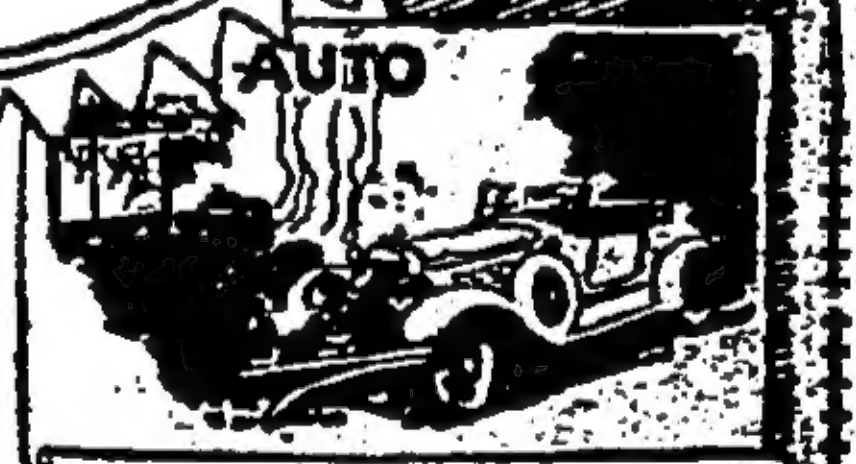
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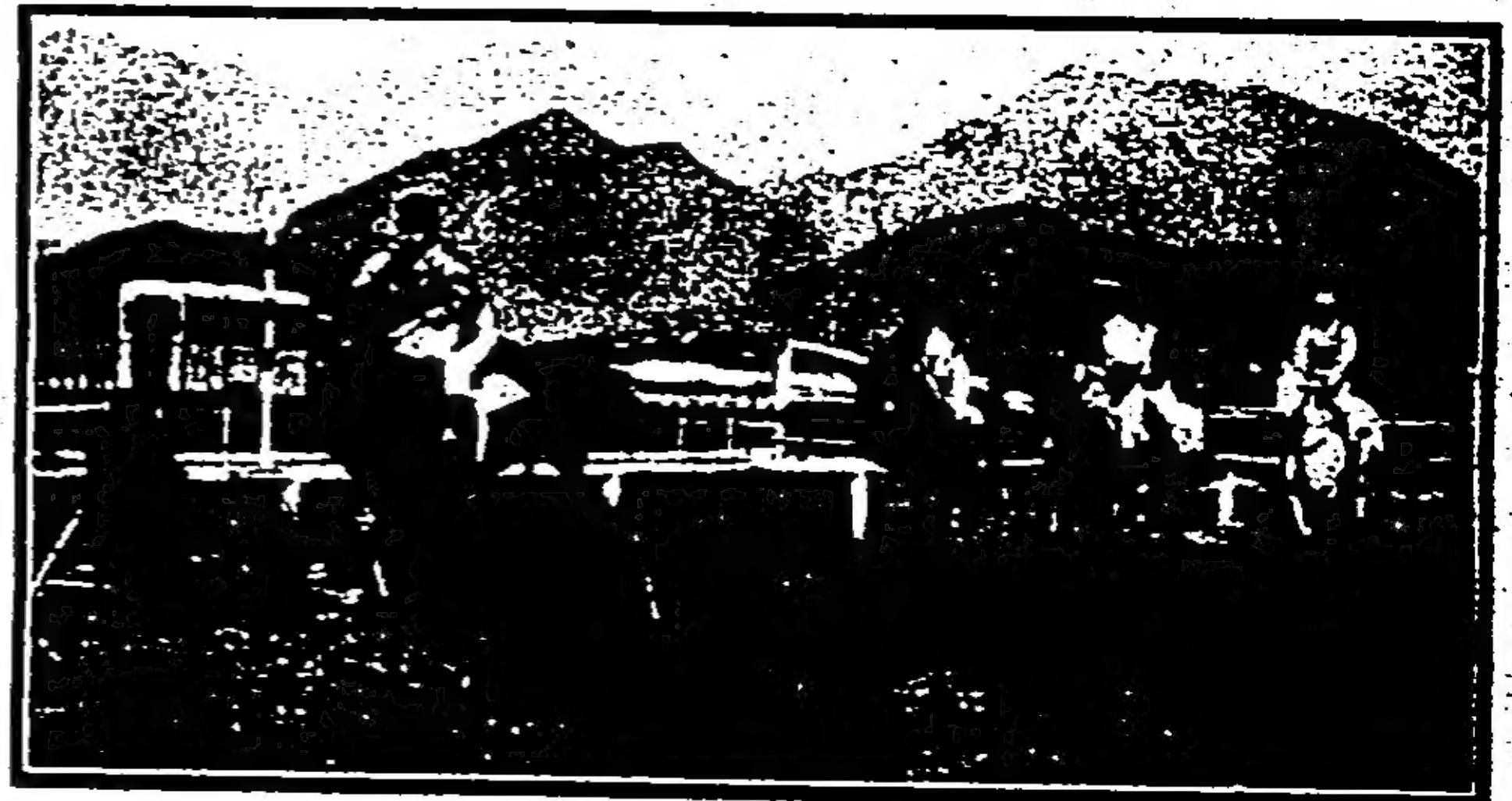
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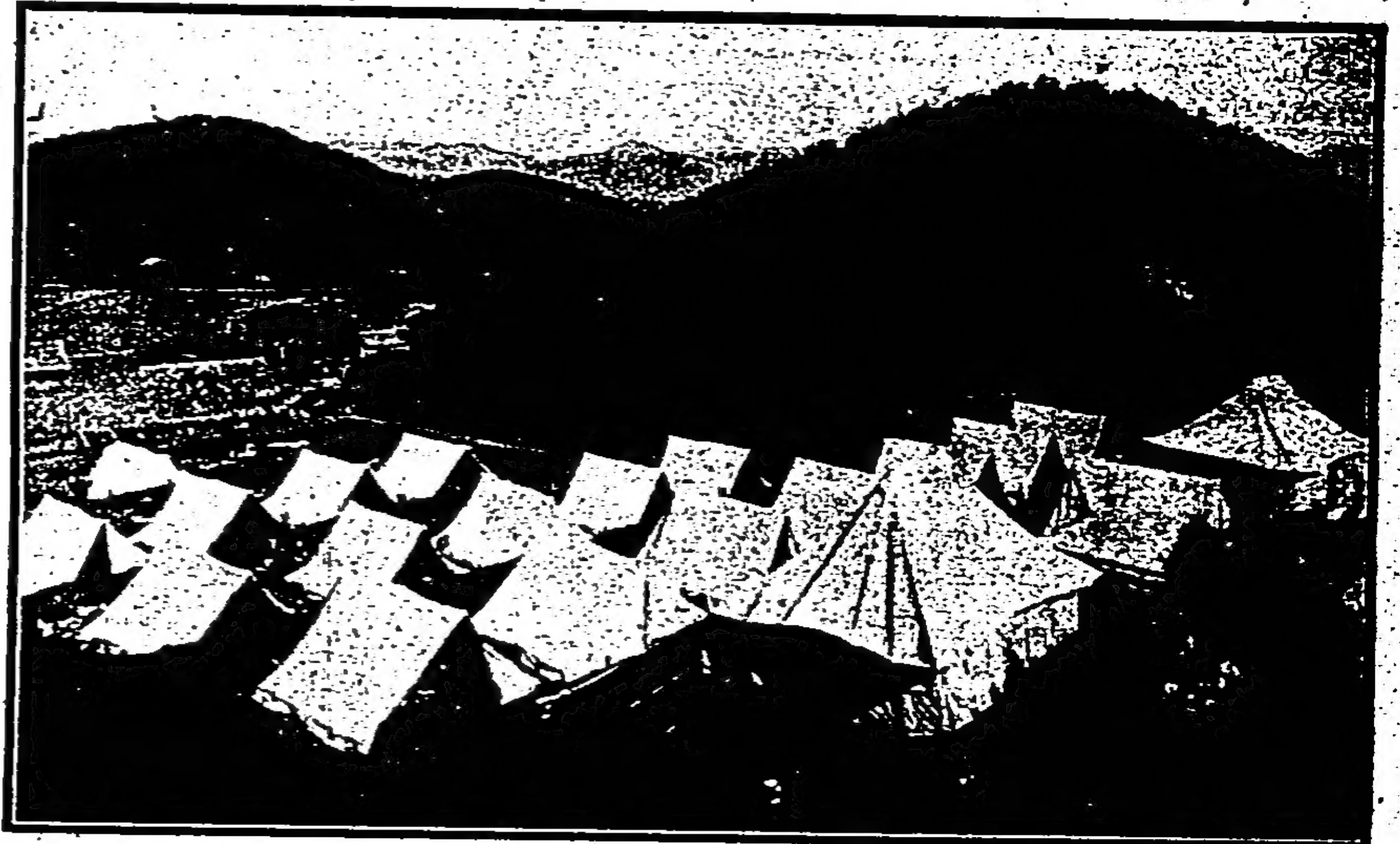
Over the fence all together. A good action picture taken at the Fanling Races last Sunday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Another good snapshot taken at last Sunday's meeting of the Fanling Race and Hunt Club. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



This snapshot shows members of the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. filling machine gun belts.



The scene of the Volunteer Defence Corps camp in the New Territories the week before last. (Photo Ming Yuen Studio).



Here members of the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. are shown patrolling border path in the New Territories.



The Hon. Mr. H. T. Crossy kicking off at last Saturday's Chinese football match. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



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Group taken last Saturday when the team representing the Canton Navy, Air Force, and Police Force defeated the Hongkong Chinese League by one to nil in the contest for the Chan Lim-pak Cup. (Photo: Mee Cheung).





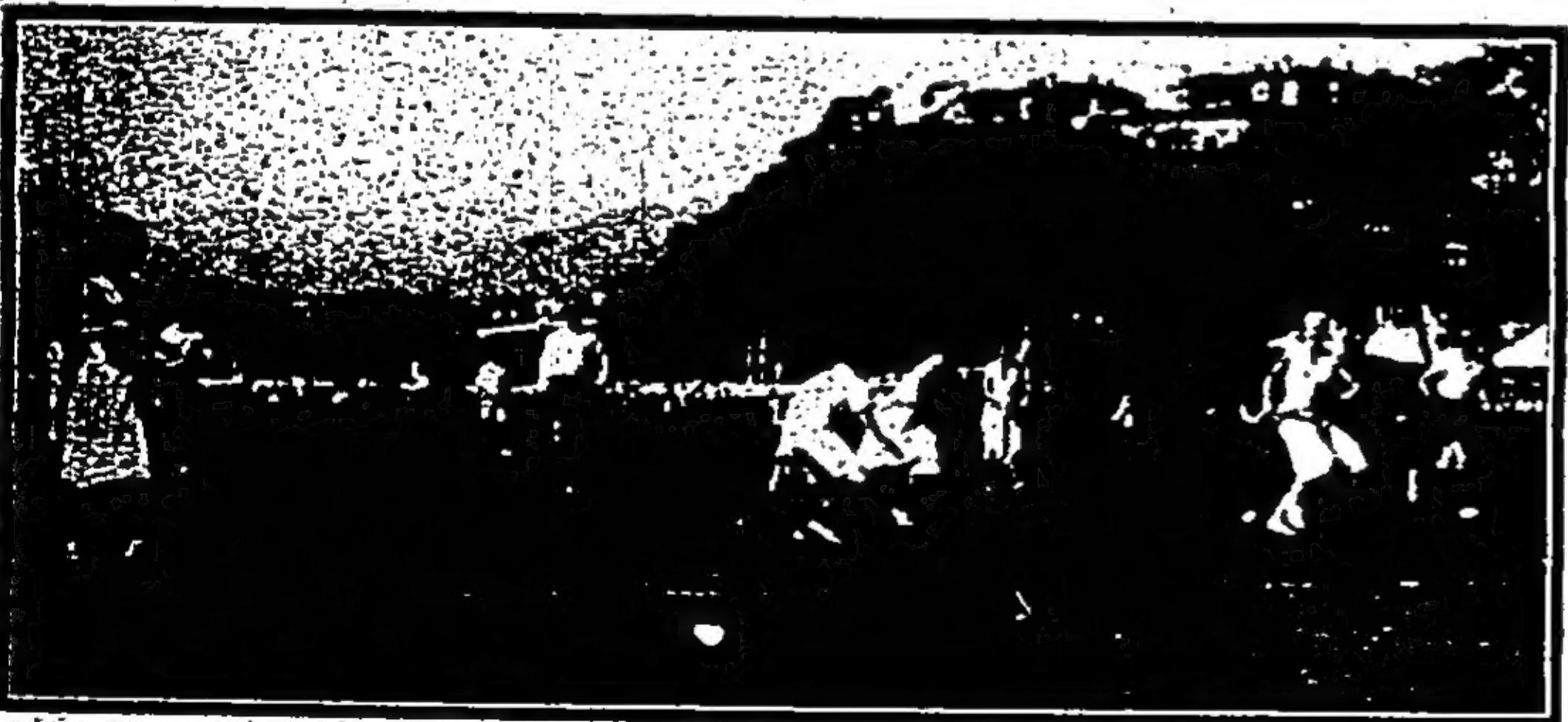
At the Fanling Races. Left, Tom (Mr. Stanton up), winner of the St. Nicholas Handicap; right, Wattle, ridden by Mr. Corbett, winner of the Canberra Handicap. (Photos: Mee Cheung).



Mrs. R. J. Paterson presenting the prizes at the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's meeting last Sunday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The Rev. John Lake, who is well-known for his work amongst lepers, is shown in the above group (with hat raised) among some of his charges at the leper settlement at Tai Kam Island.



The second XI of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club met the R.A.M.C. on Saturday, the latter winning by three goals to nil. Here the game is seen in progress. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Another snapshot in the hockey match between the second team of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club and the R.A.M.C. on the Navy ground at Happy Valley. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



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She tells her fiancé, Dirk Ruyter, who hates Eddie. He arranges a rendezvous with the boy but overrules. However, the Star drives Mary there instead. Eddie is run down and killed as he crosses the street to meet Mary.

Inspector Kane drops the case, believing Eddie the murderer. When Mary believes the name, Bowen tells Mary there is a racketeer gambler called the Fly to whom her brother owed money.

He gives Mary a coat he found in the Jupiter house the night of the murder. It is her brother's. The Jupiter butler, recognising it as having been worn by a "gate-crasher" he elected the night of the murder.

### CHAPTER XIV

"What young man, Spence? What are you talking about?"

Mary eyed the old butler, fearful of what he might be about to reveal. He looked so vindictive as he held Eddie's topcoat aloft and glared at it as if he would have liked to shake its owner.

Under the stress of emotion, his usual West End English left him and the Cockney came out.

"He had the face, if you'll believe it, Miss, to call himself a doctor, and try to force his way in. Yes! And when I told him you'd neither invited him nor sent for him, the impudent he was he tried to walk past me into the house! I put my 'and up and I said 'None o' that, sir!' I said—"

"When was this, and who was it, Spence?" Mary demanded, impatiently.

"It was the night of your party, Miss Mary," the butler explained. "Of all them that came and asked to be let in without tickets, he was the freshest." Obviously the man's parting jibe had left an indelible mark on the old servant's sensitive spot—his dignity.

"Why he looked at me as if he'd have liked to do me in, that he did! But I thought as he might be a friend of yours, so I explained about the jewels and the need to keep out thieves. But did he take it like a gentleman would? He laughed, if you'll believe it, and he called me an old fool, he did, and said 'Mind you count the spoons!'"

His wrathful mimicry would have been funny if Mary had not been so preoccupied with the identity of that mysterious visitor.

"But who was it, Spence? Mr. brother?"

"Not your brother, Miss," Spence explained testily. "I told you as 'ow 'e was a stranger, and no gentleman, either. 'E had that coat on, as sure as I'm living, with that collar turned up about his ears, like this."

"Are you sure?"

"Sure! When you come in like that, with that coat over you, it brought it back to me as plain as if he was standing there."

"But this is Eddie's coat, my brother," Mary told him excitedly. "Oh, Spence, would you know the man again if you saw him? Oh, do you see what this means?" She seized the surprised old servant by both arms and danced him around. "It means somebody else tried to get in, somebody else did get in, and took the things and did it all, just as I said! Not Eddie! Oh, Spence, you old lamb—why didn't you tell me this before?"

They were still talking it over hours later, Mary and Mr. Jupiter, across the little green baize card-table drawn up before the library fire. Early dusk had fallen because of the rain, and tea things sat disregarded on the table between them.

Spence, rendered completely agog by the possibility that he had brushed horns with a thief and murderer, was in and out on a variety of self-made errands, ears open to hear all that was said. He had guarded the portals better than he knew, and virtue shone as a garland on his grizzled brow. He was convinced already that he had met the brute in single-handed combat, and subdued him by the majesty of his person, alone.

Mr. Jupiter, however, was slower to kindle over the idea.

"You can't be sure it's the same coat," he said. "If the man was a thief, would he try the front door? He snorted disbeliever."

"It's the same coat," Spence reaffirmed stubbornly. "I've seen thousands of them in London, and And it's old, sir, and fair in threads along the edge, a man in evening dress like that sir, wearing a disgraceful coat like that—begging your pardon, Miss Mary."

"It's old, surely," Mary agreed. "It was Dad's and Eddie came into it when Dad died. It was big for him, but he needed it—times when he hadn't any other."

Mr. Jupiter remained silent. He was unconvinced, but he was thoughtful. Mary continued eagerly, "I shouldn't have thought it was that very same night, and his trying so hard to get in, and being so nasty about it. And Eddie's coat was gone, somehow, lost or loaned or something. I'm sure of it. Mr. Bowen, the reporter, and I both heard Eddie say plainly when he was lying in the ambulance, 'Make him give me back my coat.' And when Eddie came to meet me that day when—that day," she swallowed hard and went on, "he had no coat on, just blue suit, all mused and wrinkled. And it was cold. I remember I wore my fur jacket and nearly froze in that reporter's open car."

"But he didn't get in, you say, Spence," Mr. Jupiter turned to the butler.

"Not by the front door, sir, that's certain," Spence agreed. "But," he added with a side-glance at Mary, "the side door was open."

"And how would he know that?"

"He might just have tried it, sir, and found it open."

"Or mightn't he have heard Eddie telephoning me?" Mary put in. "Eddie knew all sorts of men, gamblers and so on. Mr. Bowen was telling me to-day there's a racketeer gambler they call The Fly, and he thinks Eddie meant him when he was out of his head and mumbling. Only he wasn't out of his head—he knew what he was saying. But he was weak, and we wouldn't pay attention. That's what I believe!"

"Hold on," Mr. Jupiter chided. "You're going pretty fast. You been seeing that reporter lately?"

"Why, yes," Mary was a trifle dashed. "I—I lunched with him to-day. He's making an investigation on his own, and I've promised to help him."

"It's not his business, Kane's the man!" Mr. Jupiter's stick came down with a rap on the velvet carpet.

"But Kane's given up," Mary argued. "He thinks the same as you all do. That Eddie's guilty, or if he isn't, what difference does it make? He's dead. But it makes a good deal of difference! To me! And to—Eddie, even if he is dead and can't speak for himself, was a foolish kid, but he wasn't bad—not a murderer! I won't stand by and hear him called one. Haven't I the right to clear his name if I can?"

The old man's eyes flashed. "The right to lose your young man, too, if you're not careful!"

"Lose Dirk? Why, what's that to do with it?" Mary asked aghast.

Mr. Jupiter merely nodded wisely. "You'll see," he said. "No, I won't say any more. It's his affair and yours. You might be right, but you can't prove it, and you'll only do yourself harm by stirring it up in the papers again. Better not let on to Emily Ruyter you've been seeing that reporter again. She's trying her best to stop the talk, and you're keeping it going. People are talking already. They don't know anything for sure."

and that's why they're talking," Mary persisted. "As long as I live, the whispering will go on. Unless this is followed out to the bitter end, now, there'll always be a question-mark hanging over my head. What was that old story about her brother? Didn't he kill a woman and rob a house, or something? Nobody can prove it, but they'll believe the worst. Even if it's husband up, Especia! If it's husband up, they'll think it's true!"

"Rot. People forget. They won't dare yap about you if the Ruythers are back of you. And I aim to leave you a penny or two, remember. You'll be able to snap your fingers at 'em, anyhow."

Mary shook her head stubbornly. "Nobody's going to stand sponsor for me, least of all the Ruythers. And as long as you think I can't take a cent from you, you see that, don't you?"

"Don't be a fool!" the old man burst out. "Nobody blames you. You're not much Harkness, anyway. You're more like your mother. But your brother and his pa were two of a kind—full of wild schemes to get money without working for it. And they both ended up under ground, and no wonder. You can't tell me—"

Mary jumped up, red spots burning both cheeks.

"Before Jupiter could stop her—she was instantly sorry for his outburst—she had rushed from the room."

When Dirk arrived, she had bathed away the traces of tears and except for a new quietness, a new determination, in her manner, Dirk saw nothing amiss.

They drew the shades against the rain, and sat a while before the fire, hand in hand, her head on his shoulder, wordlessly happy. Mary wished that it might always be like this. She dreaded speaking, for sooner or later what lay between them must be discussed. If only she and Dirk could be married right away and go away from everything and everybody for a while!

But in the meantime, what of the man who killed Eddie? At this very minute he was alive somewhere, eating, drinking, laughing, making love—she shuddered involuntarily and Dirk's arm tightened.

"I called you but you weren't in," he said. "Loverlike, his tone was faintly accusing. Mary stirred out of his arms. With his words, the whole disturbing day came to life again. Well, better get it over."

"I saw Kane," she said. "Anything new?" Dirk reached for a cigarette.

"New—for me," Mary said wryly. "He told me the truth, for once. Dirk's look was startled. "What did he say?"

"Why, just that the investigation is being dropped. Everyone seems to think Eddie is guilty."

"I wouldn't say that exactly," Dirk said evenly, after a pause. "Then why?"

The worried look had come into his eyes again. Mary could have taken him into her arms and smoothed it away, but she held herself aloof for his next words.

"Don't you think yourself," he asked, evading her eyes, "that it would be pleasanter to keep your name out of the headlines, just now?"

It was true then. Was he speaking for his mother, or himself?

"I'm sorry if it annoys you," she said stily.

"Don't be huffy," Dirk pleaded, drawing her back into the circle of his arm again. "You know whatever you do is all right with me, always. But other people have notions. Take mother, now."

"I see," said Mary. "She's old school, you know, and any unpleasantness reflecting on the family name goes right to her pride. It's all foolishness, of course."

"Then why do you cater to her?" "Because she's my mother, I guess. This should have been a clinching argument, Mary realized, but somehow it wasn't.

"I have a duty, too, to the Hark-

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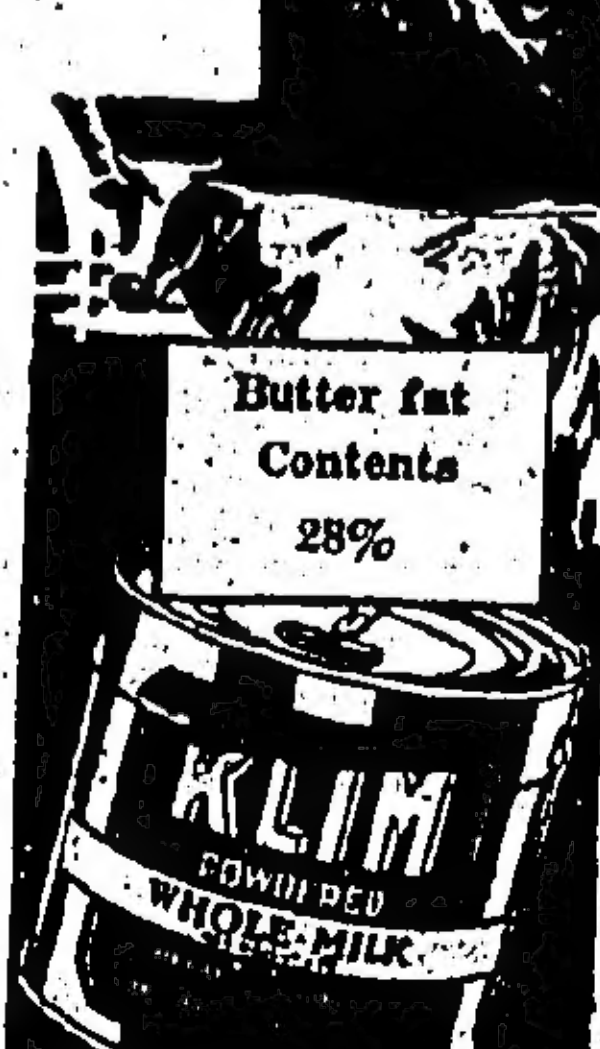


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F. H. CRAPNELLE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1931.

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### MACAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.

#### NOTICE.

A Draw for a Number of Greyhounds will be held at the Office of the Club, 19, Avenida Almeida Ribeiro, Macau, at an early date.

These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

To-morrow the First Sunday After Xmas.

### LOCAL SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.

10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
December 27, Patronal Festival, St. John the Evangelist's Day.  
Sunday after Christmas.  
Holy Communion 7 a.m.  
Choral Eucharist 8 a.m.  
Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m.  
Children's Service 10 a.m.  
Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.  
Preacher: The Dean.  
Holy Communion 12.15 p.m.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.  
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.  
December 28th, The Innocent's Day.  
7.45 a.m. Holy Communion.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. (Kowloon).

Sunday, 27th December.

1st Sunday after Christmas—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.  
8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Young People's Service. Primary Sunday School.  
11 a.m. Morning Prayer & Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar.  
2.45 p.m. Senior & Intermediate Sunday School.  
6 p.m. Evening Prayer & Sermon. Preacher, Rev. N. V. Hulward.  
The Communicants' Preparation Service will be held on Wednesday, December 30, at 8.30 p.m., instead of Friday, January 1.  
There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Andrew's Church on New Year's Day, at 7.15 a.m.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station. Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject—"Christian Science." The Sunday School is held on Sunday Morning at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 6 p.m. Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room. Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

### WESLEYAN CHURCH. (Wanchai.)

Sunday, December 27.  
Morning Service 10.15 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Preacher at both Services Rev. Errol C. H. Tribbeck.  
At the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.  
Every Sunday at 3 p.m. Bible Class, every Sunday at 8.15 p.m., Service Men's Hour.  
Boxing Day, December 26.  
Special Christmas Party for Service Men, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday at 8 p.m. Fellowship Hour.  
Thursday, December 31, 11 p.m. Watchnight Service in the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home. All are welcome.

### UNION CHURCH. (Kennedy Road.)

Sunday, Dec. 27.—Choir Sunday. Naval Parade Service 10.15 a.m. Services for Public Worship 11 a.m. (Preacher, the Rev. E. G. Powell) and 6 p.m.

Sunday Schools—Kennedy Road 10 a.m.; Tai-koo 2.45 p.m. This being our Choir Sunday, there will be special music at both services. The soloists at the Morning Service will be Mrs. F. E. C. Rendall, who will sing Liddle's "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings," and Mr. G. McLeod, singing Gounod's "Nazareth."

The evening service at 6 p.m. will be a choral service from Handel's Messiah.

### UNION CHURCH. (Kowloon).

Sunday, December 27.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m. Anthem by Choir—"Sing and rejoice."  
Evening Service, 6 p.m. Preacher, Revd. Frank Short.

Tuesday, December 29.

Young People's Society. Junior Section meets at 6 p.m. and Senior Section at 8.45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 30.

The Annual Christmas Sunday School Treat will be held in the Schoolroom from 3 to 5 p.m.

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL

### NEW YEAR'S EVE CARNIVAL

The Management begs to notify that no further reservations can be made for the above function the available accommodation being fully reserved.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

## MACAO RACES

Sunday, 27th December, 1931.

First Race at 1.30 p.m.

Admission:—

To Members' Enclosure \$1.00.  
To Public Enclosure cents 40.  
Members MUST show their badges to gain admittance. Members can obtain 2 ladies badges free on application to the Secretary.  
Tiffin can be procured at the Race Course at \$1.50.

## UNION CHURCH

### "MESSIAH."

Xmas Service

DEC. 27.—6 p.m.

Soloists.

Mrs. Bowes-Smith

Mrs. Lockhart

Mr. Annis

Mr. Bailey.

FULL CHORUS

and ORCHESTRA.

## SURE REMEDY FOR INDIGESTION.

You can stop digestive pain in several ways, but the actual cause of the trouble remains, to grow worse with each succeeding attack. If, on the other hand, you take a little "Bisurated" Magnesia in water after eating, you not only stop the immediate pain instantly, but you also remove the cause of the trouble. "Bisurated" Magnesia is a complete treatment for indigestion, neutralising excess acidity, preventing food fermentation, and soothing, healing and strengthening the inflamed stomach lining, which has become raw with the action of harmful acids. All over the world you will find "Bisurated" Magnesia used by people with a tendency to stomach weakness, and among them not a few experienced medical men. "Bisurated" Magnesia is sold by all chemists in both powder and tablet forms. Get a package to-day. It is the one sure remedy that ends digestive ills where they start—quickly and completely.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

HOLLAND-OOST AZIE LIJN. (HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE.)

From HAMBURG, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, GENOA and PORTS.

The Steamship,

"GROOTEKERK"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 28th December, 1931, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns where they will be examined on the 24th December, 1931, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatsoever.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

General Agents.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received Instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Monday,

the 28th December, 1931,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room,

4, Duddell Street.

143 Packages ten.

65 lbs. Woollen Yarn.

1 Case glass ware.

87 Pairs of Scarlet Blankets.

4 Barrels Soap Powder.

2 Cases Stearic Acid powder.

1 Barrel Talcum powder.

3 Cases Edible Oils.

1 Case Hollow Goods.

126 Coils Wire.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous goods and household furniture etc.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received Instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Wednesday,

the 30th December, 1931,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room,

4, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable

Household Furniture

comprising:—

Teak Hatstands, Chesterfield

Couches and Armchairs, Curio

Cabinets, Bookcases, Desks,

Tables, Victrolas, Records, Oil

Paintings, Pictures, Round Tables,

Brass and Bronze Wares, Silver

ware, Carpets, Rugs, etc., etc.

Teak Extension Dining Tables,

Dining Chairs, Sideboards with

bevelled mirrors, Crockery, Glass

Ware, Ice Chest, Flower Stands,

etc., etc.

Teak Wardrobes with bevelled

mirrors, Teak Bedsteads with wire

mattress and mattress, Dressing

Tables, Teak Chest of Drawers,

Mosquito Nets, Linens, Enamel

Bath, Cabine trunks, Toilet Set,

etc., etc.

and

One Cottage Piano "Moutrie"

One Grand Piano.

also

A Collection of Blackwood

Furniture

including:—

Joss Tables, Cabinets, Desks,

Jardinières, Tea poy, Tables, etc.,

etc.

On View from Tuesday,

the 29th December, 1931.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

Catalogue will be issued.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

## HUGE WHEAT DEALS.

### U.S. FARM BOARD'S LOSSES.

The Federal Farm Board reveals for the first time its operations under the Agricultural Marketing Act.

The Board has bought 329,641,052 bushels of wheat, for which it paid approximately \$54,049,900 (at par).

At the beginning of the month the Board still had 189,656,187 bushels of wheat. It paid an average price of \$1.97 cents a bushel, and the cash price of wheat is now 65 cents.

The Board purchased 1,319,800 bales of cotton at a cost of approximately \$21,508,649 (at par), and still holds 1,310,789 bales. The average price paid for the cottons was 16.3 cents a lb. The present prices is 8 cents.

Starting with a grant of \$100,000,000, the Board has rather more than \$10,000,000 in hand.

Mr. Stone, chairman of the Board, said that he could not state the losses incurred, until all the wheat and cotton were sold, but the Board's activities had added millions of dollars to the farmers' incomes.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 25th December, and Saturday the 26th December, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Post Office 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

### PARCEL MAIL.

The Public are hereby warned that in view of the passing of the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs duties in this office is cancelled until further notice except as regards parcels of silk or of under the value of \$5-0-0 or its equivalent in dollars at the rate of the day. It will however be necessary in these cases to make a deposit against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the Parcel.

### Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it is received.

### Postal Rates.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superinscribed. Christmas and New Year cards enclosed in open envelopes addressed to Hongkong, China and Macao, accepted at the special rate for printed matter i.e. 2 cents per 2 ounces. The cards must not bear more than five written words and the envelopes must be entirely open.

### INWARD MAILS.

From	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco, 27th November)	Pres. Hayes
Manila	Pres. Cleveland
Europe via Newpaltam (Letters and Paper), London 26th November	Malacca Maru
London Parcels only London, 19th November	Eumaeus
Amoy	Tilawa
Japan	La Plata Maru
Calcutta and Straits	Nankin
Japan and Shanghai	Taima
Japan and Shanghai	Hiyo Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 12th December)	Kawalpindi
Australia and Manila	Pres. Taft
Japan and Shanghai	Nollere
Saigon	Brisbane Maru
	Sphinx
	Chenonceaux

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow Sun, Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru Sun, Dec. 27, 9 a.m.
Holihow and Bangkok	Kaying Mon, Dec. 28, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea Mon, Dec. 28, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung Mon, Dec. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Tues, Dec. 29, 2 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and South American Ports	La Plata Maru Wed, Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tilawa Wed, Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels 29th Dec, 5 p.m.
	Letters 30th Dec, 3.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Yusang Fri, Jan.



ADVERTISING AND  
EMPIRE TRADE.MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S  
APPEAL.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was entertained at luncheon recently by the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers.

Responding to the toast of his health, Mr. Chamberlain said that there were only two methods of achieving the Government's objective—reducing national expenditure or increasing taxation.

They would probably agree, he thought, that in present conditions any further addition to direct taxation might well have disastrous results upon production, which all wanted to stimulate.

Therefore it was rather to rigid national economy that we must look if we were going to pay our way.

The nation had got to face up to the fact that it had got to tread a narrow, hard, long path, beset by many checks and many austerities.

Mr. Chamberlain, referring to the enormous increase in the power of advertising, asked in what better direction it could be turned than in stimulating the marketing of British-made goods, whether at home or abroad.

"I would like in particular to call your attention to what to me seems to be a specially fruitful field for your activities," he added. "I mean the markets in the Dominions and Empire."

Lord Luke of Pavenham, who presided, described advertising as the oil that lubricated distribution and added:

"Advertising may have a wider field of service, and may play a part in that great restoration of national and Imperial trade to which we are all looking forward."

Only by advertising, too, could they get the enormous sales necessary for production on a sufficiently large scale to render possible an all-round reduction in prices.

## PASSPORT SLUMP.

"WINTER AT HOME"  
MOVEMENT.

London, Nov. 26. There is one Government office where the increase of taxation and the present financial conditions have not resulted in overtime work: the Passport Office.

Yesterday, the Passport Office was practically deserted, writes a correspondent. Two officials stood idle in the entrance lobby, and they almost rubbed their eyes with amazement when they learnt that I wished to renew my passport. They directed me, however, to a room where three more officials were standing at a counter, waiting, like Mr. Micawber, for something to turn up.

I explained that I required several alterations to be made in my passport, including a visa for all European countries and a renewal for five years. Bearing in mind the thorough methods of the Passport Department, I added a suggestion that I would return in a few days' time.

I was assured, however, that this was quite unnecessary, and ten minutes later the whole business had been satisfactorily completed.

An official told me that he attributed the idleness in the Passport Office largely to the patriotic example set by the Duke of Connaught in deciding to winter in England. "I am sure that this action has had a far-reaching effect in discouraging Englishmen from going abroad," he added.

This, with the adverse rate of exchange and the increase of taxation, has, he explained, resulted in a marked decrease in the number of those wanting passports except for purely business reasons.

## WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## NEW ACCESSORIES ADD "PERIOD" TO WINTER MODE.

THERE'S HINT OF PAST IN SMART "EXTRAS" FOR TO-DAY'S WARDROBE.

[By Julia Blanshard.]

There should be no question mark in your mind this winter about the charm and chic of period accessories.

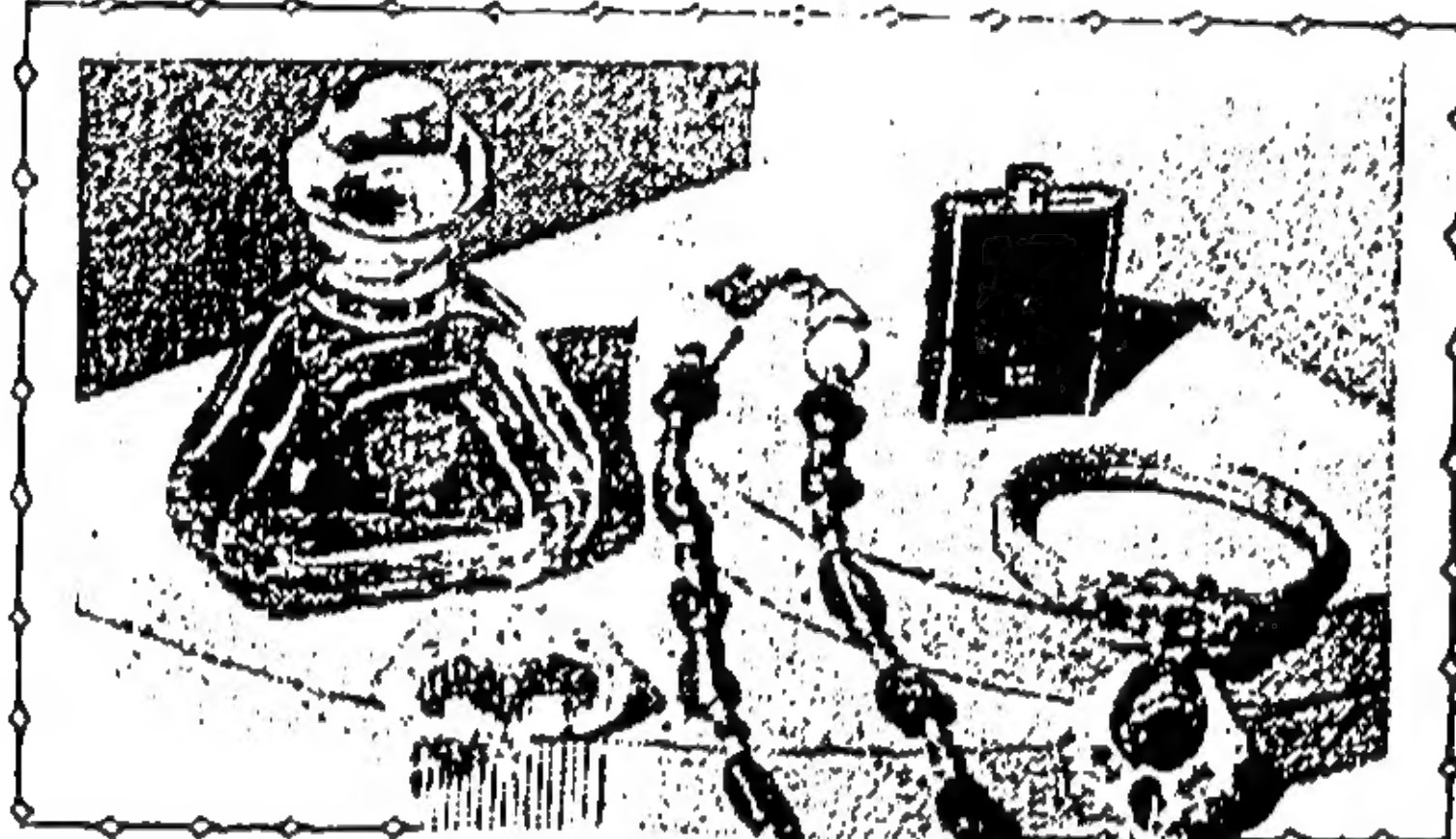
Half the fun of the new styles, as a matter of fact, comes from the large assortment of jewellery, gloves, purses handkerchiefs, belts, slippers and other accessories that derive their inspiration from less democratic days.

There are a couple of smart things you can do to give yourself a good name for style. First, you can let your accessories be absolutely the last word in authenticity for the period suit, hat, frock or coat you are wearing. Second, you can be a bit daring and select a single pair of startling earrings or a handsome brooch and build your costume as an unique one around it.

## Flower Muffs Blossom in the Winter.

The latest evening accessory is a flower muff. It is simply wonderful, if you are the kind of slender thing that can carry one off in unselfconscious manner. Pale pink roses, attached to bands of ribbon, fashion this dainty. It is charming with a pink chiffon evening gown with simple lines.

There is a vogue for dragging out the family earrings and



The latest accessories include (above) a pearl and rhinestone evening comb, daytime necklace of semi-precious stones and rondels of gold, a period bracelet with pendant, and a compact that has everything. New one-strap evening sandals (below) are of gold and silver mesh and satin.

## FASHION NOTES.

Interesting Uses of  
Furs.

One of the most interesting uses of fur is for the short jacket mount to be worn over dresses. Nothing this year is quite so smart. Here, if ever, you get diversity. Bolero-like jackets, snug round the hips, or with a basque flure; box jackets, belted for sports; of heavier and un-plucked otter, for sports; of Hudson seal, of black-dyed ermine and le, of caracul and astrakhan for town; of white ermine, for evening.

Shawls, having taken a new lease of life, the couturiers are making them in soft furs.

Coloured velvet scarves, particularly in the fawn, caramel, burnt-punch, and apricot shades are being made into marvellous wraps trimmed with fox, dyed exactly to match them. Fox, they say, is rivaling the rainbow on next season's models.

There are waistcoats of shaven fur—just the thing for the winter tailor-made. These are to be worn under tailor-made, tweed coats, and sports suits. There are fur-trimmed hats and fur-gauntlet gloves, and the amount of fur used by most of the large dressmaking houses to trim frocks and coats sends up the cost by thousands of francs.



Brand new and very chic is the muff of gardenias, made by attaching them to bands of pink ribbon to wear over the arm with a pink chiffon evening gown.

wearing them and no other decoration. Lacking family ones, you can get picturesque reproductions of antiques, with paste stones set in old silver, that jangle, almost to your shoulders and sparkle. You must keep gay all evening to keep up with them. Louisaboulanger has struck a novel note in evening necklaces in a string of glowing paillettes, in green, purple, blue and gold. Or you can have one of the handsome new "collar" necklaces for evening. One of these is faceted rubies and emeralds, set with rhinestones. It has four strands and a pendant of jewel-fringe.

## Combs Are Gems of Fashion.

If you are one of those who go in for elaborate coiffures, you must certainly should have a jewelled comb for formal affairs. These have pearls and rhinestones elaborately set in designs quite similar to the huge brooches that women wore last winter. They are very decorative.

Daytime necklaces run the gamut from a single strand of unusual beads, multicoloured semi-precious stones put together with rondels of gilt, to perfect reproductions of Renaissance jewellery.

Evening slippers are rich and pretty. One of the new models uses gold and silver mesh over satin. They are tremendously effective with any costume, for they usually are dyed to match your dress and the gold and silver always add a rich touch.

## NEW LINGERIE.

## Is More Feminine.

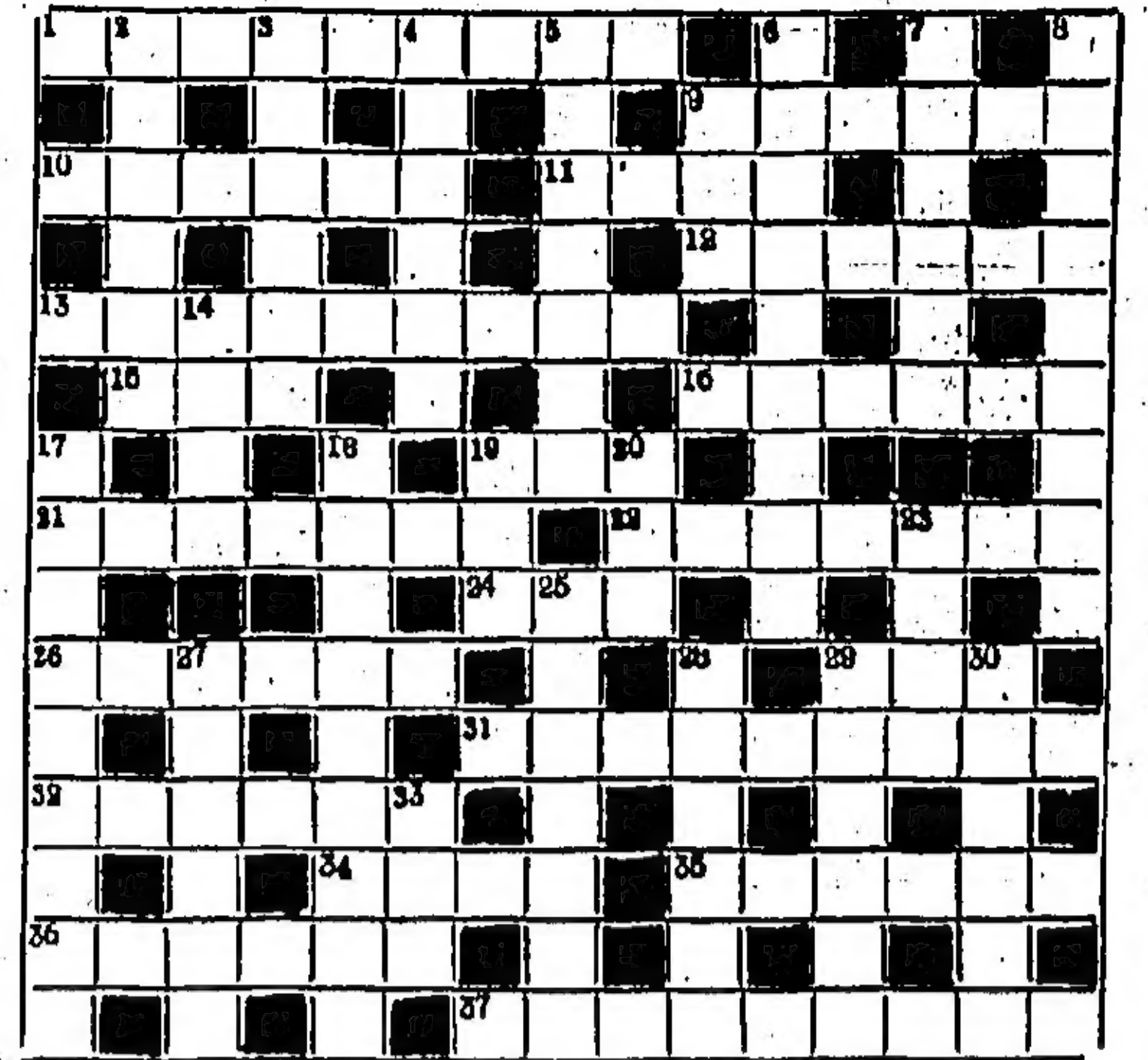
There are many alternatives to the trousered suit for sleeping and rest wear this autumn. A demure nightgown has an oyster lace bodice, with puff sleeves, and a skirt of peach satin, with a ruffled waist in the Empire style.

Dressing-gowns are filmy affairs of embossed velvet, chiffon, and awansdown. One of shell-pink broche velvet seen at a lingerie parade was lined with awansdown

to match; another was made of Persian lute in vivid green and red, with floating sleeves and a slight train. This matched a pyjama suit in which each wide leg was accented pleated, giving the impression of a divided skirt.

Chiffon applique with velvet flowers is a lovely material used for a new rest gown. Equally striking are the black crepe de Chine printed with a very definite and vivid flower pattern. Yellow and red tulips printed on a black ground are used for a pyjama suit, worn with a tight-fitting jacket of yellow crepe de Chine.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



## Across

- 1 A lot of people closely examine the links.
- 9 A word to conjure with.
- 10 Oh, free! (anag.)
- 11 Surely this King can't be mythical and real at the same time.
- 12 Cats are often.
- 13 Front parts and a Herts town appear to be something killing in Turkey.
- 15 Her parentage is betrayed by what follows.
- 16 A Dutch sea.
- 19 Mid this is tiny.
- 21 The pen, following the prevailing fashion, shows a complete lack of swank.
- 22 Great Scott! He was responsible for it!
- 24 This means very softly indeed.
- 26 This applies to future generations.
- 29 The heart of Everest.
- 31 When the heart follows a certain formation, great age is evident.
- 32 You must consider him absolutely fair.
- 34 A common Welsh name.
- 35 A common Scots name.
- 36 Two kinds of this can be cast, and if more than one, in this direction.
- 37 If there's only one rodent in a West Country river, you acquit it of blame.

## Down

- 2 U.S.A. State.
- 3 Known to every batsman.
- 4 You do it to flags.
- 5 If you mention it, you may break it.
- 6 By no means symmetrical.
- 7 Seen.
- 8 A kind of French leave and

## British dance help you to a sort of fish.

- 9 This young lady is the knave of clubs at tea.
- 14 Used with one's way.
- 17 "A doctor? Probe the wound!" altogether describes what you arrived in.
- 18 A science that strangely has little appeal to the inveterate "first-nighter."
- 19 A Varsity domestic.
- 20 This cat is a child's game.
- 23 A superman who appears a more nothing after a lady.
- 25 The bird's transferred 'phone number appears to be 9; it really must be fabulous.
- 27 A wing, colloquially.
- 28 See a fellow about some rag or other, and get a fearsome beast.
- 29 Deceit in a City haunt.
- 30 Often follows an old knight.
- 33 Possewn.

## Thursday's Solution.

STALEMATE BUT  
LANDRAIL IN THE  
SCHEME IVAN GUL  
ENRAGED CHARLIE  
VIGILANTLY  
TITANS OF THE  
HARDY BOUND  
ARISEN FROM THE  
NLM AFFECTION

OIL MERGER  
MYSTERY.U.S. CONCERN AND  
COMBINE.

Speculation is rife in the oil world as to what is behind the amalgamation of Britain's two leading oil-distributing companies, Shell-Mex, Ltd., and British Petroleum, Ltd.

At present, it means a single organisation of the two companies for marketing their wares in Great Britain in the most economical manner and with a complete absence of overlapping.

But people intimately connected with the oil industry believe the fusion to be something far greater. They are divided into two camps. The first maintains that the fusion will not stop at two companies, and that the third member of what is known as the "Combine" of national oil distributing companies, the Anglo-American Oil Company, will before long be joining with the other two in a colossal marketing scheme which will

Save all three concerns tens of thousands a year in distribution costs.

Bring about rationalisation; and keep retail prices down, despite the fact that most commodities are expected to rise in prices before long.

The other section visualises a great petrol war—a three-cornered affair in which the contestants will be the British interests, represented by Shell-Mex and B.P.; American interests as represented in England by Anglo-American (part of the great Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which controls Red-line, Glico, and other apirits in England); Petroleum Storage and Finance Corporation (which markets Cleveland petrol and is dominated by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana); and Russian interests as represented by Russian Oil Products.

## Import Tax.

It is the opinion of those who believe a petrol "war" to be inevitable that, in the next Budget, there will be an import tax on this commodity, which will force the price of their petrol up. This would mean a definite break away by Anglo-American from the "Combine."

Whatever the outcome, the general consensus of opinion is that there will be an amalgamation of the three big concerns rather than a three-cornered war.

There is another factor to be taken into consideration. That is, the future of a fourth group of oil companies, the non-combine concerns, who are tied to no price agreements, who buy apirits in the open market and sell to garages at such a low cost that petrol is retailed to the public at 2d. or 3d. a gallon below the "Combine" price.

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Exquisite Perfumes  
**THE PHARMACY**

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

**OSCAR TELLS FRECKLES WHY HE (OSCAR) IS GOING BY FRECKLES' NAME !!**

... THEY WERE GOING TO KIDNAP YOU... I HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT IT BEFORE THEY GOT ME... SO TO SAVE YOU FROM BEING TAKEN AWAY I LET THEM BELIEVE I WAS YOU... THEY DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE... BUT HOW I'M GOING TO GET AWAY NOW?

WHY, THE DIRTY DOGS!! OH, YOU'LL GET AWAY ALL RIGHT... COME ON!!

YES... WE SEE THEES FRECKLES AN' THEN WE WRITE THE NOTE... WE GET RICH, CHITTA!!

THEN WE GO BACK TO SOUTH AMERICA AND LIVE THE LIFE OF EASE, EH RICO? COME, IN THAT TENT!!

HERE COMES THAT GYPSY WOMAN, WITH A MAN!! COMIN' RIGHT FOR THIS TENT, TOO!!

THAT'S RICO THE CHIEF... NOW WHATLL WE DO??

YES... WHAT WILL THEY DO NOW?

So! That's It, Is It?

By Blosser



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Stimulating**

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OF

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ALL FURNISHING FABRICS 20% dis.  
CARPET SQUARES .. .. 20% ..  
WOOL RUGS .. .. 20% ..  
FANCY CUSHIONS .. .. 15% ..  
DOWN QUILTS .. .. 15% ..  
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All Studebakers now have  
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concealed in roof.



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#### BIRTH.

McBRIDE.—At the Victoria Hos-  
pital, on December 25, 1931, to  
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McBride, a  
daughter, (Stillborn).

### The Hongkong Telegraph.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1931.

### A MORATORIUM FOR GERMANY.

Those who have followed recent  
developments in Europe will not  
be surprised at the conclusion  
reached by the Advisory Com-  
mittee of the Young Plan that  
Germany must be granted a  
moratorium, in respect of her  
conditional annuities, beyond the  
period covered by the Hoover  
holiday scheme. It has  
long been apparent that Ger-  
many has been coming to the end  
of her tether so far as payment  
of her obligations is concerned.  
The Basle experts therefore are  
merely recognising the obvious.  
That is something, of course, but  
it by no means solves the problem.  
The next step is to get the interest-  
ed Powers to agree to some common  
policy, failing which we can only  
contemplate a catastrophe of great  
magnitude.

It is interesting, now that the  
facts are being faced, to note an  
opinion recently expressed by Mr.  
Thomas W. Lamont, who was a  
member of the Committee which  
drafted the Young Plan, that Ger-  
many's first business is to make  
a definite settlement with France.  
He asserted that France must be  
come to terms with, both financially  
and politically, and suggested that  
she would be found not unreason-  
able. This view is hardly support-  
ed by recent French declarations,  
or by the attitude of the French  
bankers at Basle. Admittedly, fi-  
nancial reinforcements from other  
nations would continue to be  
timorous until France made it plain  
that she had no intention of driving  
Germany to economic ruin, whilst  
an increased investment of France  
in Germany would bolster Franco-

German peace. But it appears to  
us futile to speculate on the  
possibility of separate Franco-  
German negotiations; the matter is  
one, as the Basle Committee  
realises, for common action by all  
concerned. The agitation in Ger-  
many for treaty revision looks now  
like being strengthened by the  
finding of the experts. After all is  
said and done, this agitation for  
revision both of the treaties and of  
reparations is quite understand-  
able, even though the feeling under-  
lying it may have to some extent  
hampered Germany's recovery.  
Without a doubt it has increased  
the paralysing resentment under  
which she has been labouring.  
Maybe also it has retarded efforts  
to meet her obligations by en-  
couraging the hope that they will  
not have to be met. Thus repara-  
tions, which constitute only eight-  
per cent. of the Reich's budget,  
which is reduced nearly one-half by  
payments from the State railways,  
have loomed so large that greater  
opportunities for economy have not  
been perceived until relatively re-  
cent times.

In the near future, the whole of  
this reparations revision issue will  
have to be squarely faced. Then  
will come the real crux of the  
problem. Mr. Lamont, we see, has  
suggested a thousand million marks  
annually, about half the German  
payments under the Young Plan,  
as a possible basis for settlement.  
Certainly in view of the reduced  
value of commodities—with which  
Germany ultimately must pay—a  
downward revision seems expedient  
and even imperative. But whether  
France, for example, would consent  
to a fifty per cent. reduction, even  
if the United States made a reduc-  
tion in debt charges, seems very  
doubtful. Whatever the terms may  
be, it is clear that only some broad-  
based settlement will diminish  
those fears which have caused the  
flight of domestic and foreign  
capital from Germany. Moreover,  
until this great issue is out of the  
way, there will be small prospects  
of that world recovery for which  
we are all so anxiously waiting.

#### Youth's Ideals.

Somehow Christmas set our  
thoughts going upon the subject  
of ideals, the ideals of the youth of  
to-day—or his lack of them. Reluctantly,  
we came to the conclu-  
sion that the younger generation  
seems scarcely to possess a single  
ideal in their store of thoughts.  
They are too easily drawn to wor-  
ship at the altar of materialism.  
Their attitude to life and its prob-  
lems is ruled by the mere condi-  
tions affecting the sustenance of  
life. Difficulties are things to be  
avoided rather than faced and  
overcome. The younger genera-  
tion, in this time of world crisis,  
are thinking not of what contribu-  
tion they can make, however small,  
to world betterment, but to ways  
and methods by which they may  
acquire a comfortable income with  
what seems to be a reasonable  
"degree of honesty." They say  
that, since you exist in a hard and  
business-like world, you must adapt  
yourself to it, and live your life in  
accordance with the rules of "prac-  
ticability." The attitude is rather  
pitiful in its narrow dullness. It  
is all very well for people to say  
that the idealist is usually a nuisance.  
He may be. But too often a  
"nuisance" is nothing more than  
somebody who is trying to awaken  
others from the lethargy of men-  
tal decay, to point out for them a  
path which may lead to higher  
things—at any rate to different  
things. The materialist is apt to  
forget that, no matter how you pro-  
gress in a material sense, if you do  
not progress with the development  
of your mind, of your capacity to  
think, then you will stagnate and  
degenerate. This is a fact, not a  
hypothesis. And never has the  
younger generation had more need  
of capacity to think than it has to-  
day. At a time when the peoples  
of the world should be beginning  
to think and talk in terms of "in-  
ternationalism," when disarmament  
is one of the crucial ques-  
tions of the day, when religious  
thoughts and life is at its most  
confused and complex period, the  
youngsters of to-day have in their  
possession the key to a new world.  
We are living in a period of transi-  
tion. Will it be to better or to  
worse? We have listened long

## DAY BY DAY

IT IS NOT BECAUSE PROPERTY IS UN-  
EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED, NOR EVEN BE-  
CAUSE INDIVIDUALISM HAS ITS HOR-  
RORS, THAT BOLSHIEVISM HAS COME  
UPON US. IT IS BECAUSE FOR LACK OF  
VISION OR FOR OVERPLUS OF FALSE  
VISION THE PEOPLES HAVE BEEN  
ALLOWED TO PERISH.—Israel Zang-  
will.

It is notified that Mr. Philip Jacks  
resumed duty as Land Officer on the  
19th instant.

Mrs. A. C. Franklin will distribute  
the prizes at Chung Chau Govern-  
ment School on Tuesday, December 29,  
at 3.15 p.m.

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced of Joseph Salazar, No. 17,  
Water Street, second floor, Hongkong,  
to Ines Chiu, No. 19, Second Street,  
second floor, Hongkong.

A Gazette notification states that  
His Excellency the Governor-in-  
Council has appointed Saturday, the  
2nd day of January, 1932, to be  
observed as a general holiday.

The President and Committee of the  
Sailor's and Soldiers' Home gratefully  
acknowledge the receipt of a dona-  
tion of \$100 to the funds of the Home  
from H. M. S. Cumberland (ship's  
fund).

The speaker at the next meeting of  
Rotary Club on Tuesday, December  
29, will be the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave,  
Commissioner, Boy Scouts' Associa-  
tion, who will take as his subject  
"Scouting in Hongkong."

The Gazette contains scale of  
charges by the Medical Department  
for radiological examinations, electric  
treatment, massage, etc., as well as  
fees for analytical examinations at  
the Government Laboratory.

Amongst the passengers who  
arrived here by the Empress of  
Japan were Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rox-  
burgh, Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Mr. and  
Mrs. T. J. Draper, Mr. A. S. Gubbay,  
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Messop, and Mr.  
A. Stokkink.

### STUDENTS FROM AUSTRALIA.

### DUE IN HONGKONG SHORTLY.

The s.s. Taiping, which is due  
to arrive from Australia on 8th  
January, 1932, will bring a party  
of students on an educational  
tour of the East.

These students will be members  
of the Australian Universities  
and Great Public Schools, and the  
tour will be under the personal  
supervision of Professor J. Mac-  
Donald Holmes, B.Sc., F.R.G.S.,  
Professor of Geography, Sydney  
University. Professor Harvey  
Sutton, Director of the School of  
Tropical Medicine, Sydney  
University, will also be in the  
party.

Arrangements are being made  
by Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son,  
Ltd., for visits to Canton and  
Macao, drives round the island  
and New Territory, dinner dance  
at Repulse Bay, Chinese dinner  
party, etc.

The students will return to  
Australia in the s.s. Taiping  
on January 15th.

enough to those who prize of  
"human nature," or the "inborn  
prejudices of man," and all the  
rest. Our ideals alone can point  
the way. At least let us try to  
follow them.



"Please, Joe, keep away from that guy's left. I got two  
bucks bet on you."

## "Sweated" School Children.

By J. A. M.

"SHOULD home lessons be  
eliminated for school chil-  
dren under the age of twelve?"  
This question has often been  
asked. But why, touch but the  
fringe of the question? Why  
should not the much more press-  
ing problem of the over-crowded  
curriculum be tackled? The home  
lesson question would not then be  
so acute.

On every side the cry is heard:  
"The curriculum is over-crowded."  
Parents and teachers unite in  
bemoaning their fate, but are not  
those most to be pitied the pupils  
themselves? Lately the Secretary  
of the Scottish Education De-  
partment put up a strong plea  
for the lightening of the school  
ship. One of his contentions was  
that in our primary schools  
teachers were devoting too much  
time to certain operations in  
arithmetic, operations the learn-  
ing of which was of practically no  
value to the average pupils of  
twelve years of age.

Some time ago the Chief Educa-  
tion Officer of Edinburgh in a re-  
port on this controversial sub-  
ject of home lessons made some  
very sound observations. One of  
these in particular causes one to  
think furiously. "Arithmetic, if  
given, should involve no new rule,  
and should be simple." Part of  
that statement should be printed  
in letters of gold on every  
teacher's desk. "Arithmetic should  
be simple." That is the crux of  
the whole matter.

Most of the arithmetic schemes  
in the country require overhauling.  
By the time a pupil reaches the  
qualifying stage, arithmetic is  
often a troublesome subject. In  
the majority of counties roughly  
one-third of the total marks  
awarded at qualifying examina-  
tions are handed out to arithmetic,  
and far too often to an arithmetic  
which is most unsuited to its pur-  
pose.

Question teachers on the point  
and they maintain they are not  
responsible, for they must work  
for these control examinations.  
But to a large extent teachers  
must shoulder the blame. Does  
it not rest with them to decide  
how much of any one subject they  
can teach thoroughly in the time  
allotted? If the whole school  
curriculum has become over-crowd-  
ed, then it follows that the ad-  
dition of each new subject must  
have entailed a reduction in time  
given to other subjects.

#### Trapping the Pupil.

What seems to happen is that  
less time than formerly is actual-  
ly given to the subjects already  
reduction in the amount of work  
to be professed. The slogan seems  
to be:—Shorten the working time  
but keep up the former output.  
And we are dealing with children  
under twelve years of age!

In the first place, who are  
responsible for these qualifying  
papers, papers which regulate the  
standard of the output, papers in  
which pupils must make a certain  
percentage of marks before they  
may be admitted to an advanced  
division course? Inquiry shows  
that sometimes teachers them-  
selves are responsible; sometimes  
H.M. Inspectors of Schools have  
performed the disagreeable task;  
sometimes Directors of Education

have been the culprits. The  
blame, at least, then for the papers  
must be accepted by the teaching  
profession. And one thing a  
great many of these examiners  
have not realised—the difficulties  
which confront the pupil whose  
age is eleven plus. Otherwise, many  
questions would not appear. Test-  
ing is not trapping. Trapping is  
not testing.

Control and qualifying test  
papers in arithmetic are publish-  
ed each year in book form by  
entourprising publishers, who thus  
encourage "working" for examina-  
tions. A study of these questions  
is interesting. Many demand a  
thorough knowledge of principles,  
and the pupils are not stressed  
with heavy mechanical working;  
such are excellent. Others require  
that the pupils "labour laborious-  
ly" through heavy calculations  
even to the point of fatigue, for  
offices the calculations are need-  
less. One wonders if the purpose  
is somehow to trap the pupil.

What has the code to say on the  
requirements in arithmetic at the  
qualifying stage? "To know the  
four rules of arithmetic as applied  
to whole numbers, easy vulgar  
fractions, and decimals to three  
places, and to be expert in apply-  
ing this knowledge to the calcula-  
tion, both mentally and on paper,  
of simple sums in money and in  
the common weight and measures."

Note these words in the Code:—  
"To be expert in applying the  
knowledge," and think of this maze  
of words. It is worth considering  
as it carried 25 marks out of a  
possible 100.

"In pre-war days 25.25 Greek  
drachmas were worth 20s. of  
British money. At present 300.75  
Greek drachmas can be obtained  
for 20s. Work out the value of  
£5. 15s. of British money in Greek  
drachmas (a) in pre-war days and  
(b) now. If the British one pound  
sterling (£1) is worth 290 Serbian  
dinars and 115.75 Italian lire  
respectively, how many Serbian  
dinars can be obtained for £8.615  
Italian lire?"

"No one surely would be foolish  
enough to deny that that is an  
excellent sum of the type with  
which one would naturally expect  
every budding citizen to be entire-  
ly familiar. Is it not a delightful-  
ly "simple" sum in money, in con-  
formity with Code requirements?  
Who could not picture a teacher  
paid in drachmas, dinars, or lire  
trying to square his or her  
accounts to see if the Authority  
had said its monthly quota in full,  
and at the end trying again, to  
"mak' clear"?

#### Academic Questions.

Again, why is it that examiners  
favour an academic type of ques-  
tion in preference to a straight-  
forward, useful one?

"A watch gains 1.05 seconds  
per hour. If it was exactly right  
at noon on the first day of this  
month, what o'clock will it show  
at noon to-day?" "A man started  
at 9.45 a.m. to cycle to a place  
30½ miles distant. If he cycled  
at a speed of 8¼ miles per hour,  
when did he reach his destina-  
tion?"

These seem to be the regulation  
way of testing a pupil's knowledge  
of time. Yet what does a working  
man require a better knowledge of  
than "time," except "money?" In  
some 120 test papers examined  
only one really practical sum on  
time is found:—

"A man works from 8 a.m. till  
4.45 p.m. daily from Monday to  
Friday with an interval of one  
hour and a quarter each day at  
noon. On Saturday he works  
from 7.30 a.m. till 12 noon. Find  
his weekly wage at 1s. 6d. per  
hour."

Further investigation found  
only other two instances of a like  
nature occurring in another batch  
of 1000 sums. Possibly the  
selection was an unfortunate one.  
Are teachers afraid to bring the  
outside world and its dolms into  
the school? Are not schools in  
existence that pupils may learn  
to take their place in the world?

#### Fond of Eggs.

When one turns to bills, one is  
invariably struck by the examiners'  
love for eggs.

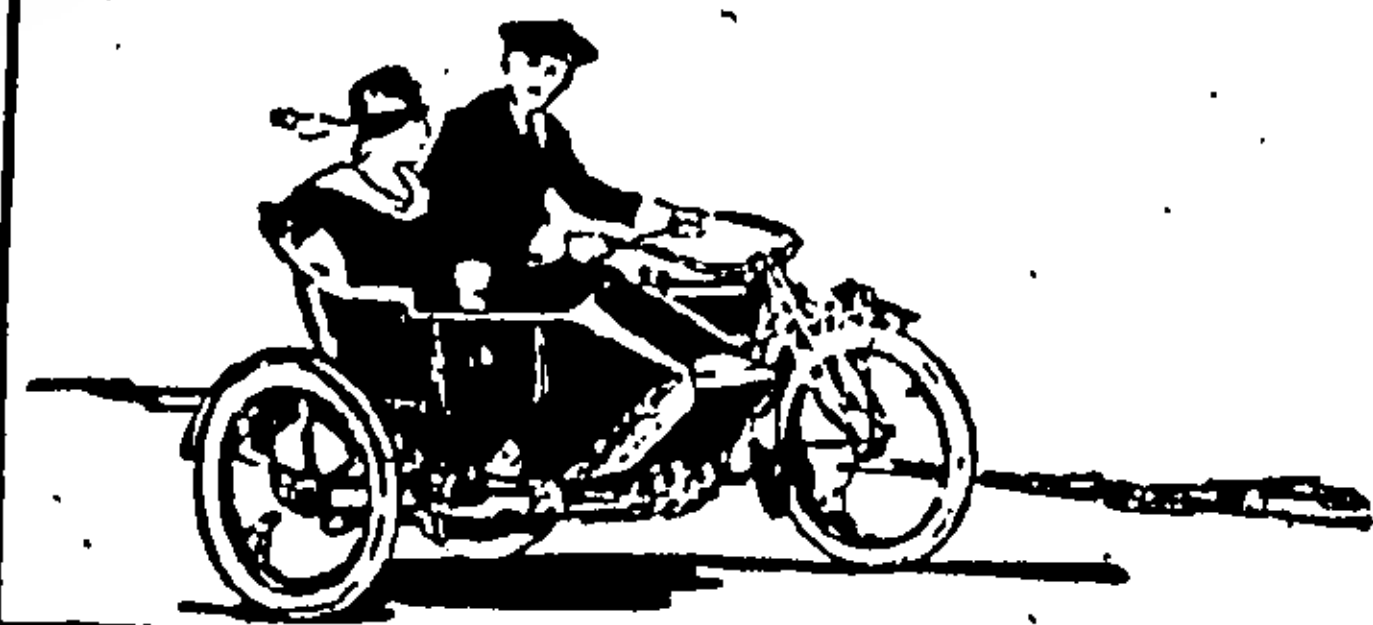
112½ doz. eggs at 3 for 3½d.;  
111 eggs 1 6d. per dozen; 115  
eggs at 1s. 6d. per score; 8½ doz.  
eggs at 5½d. for 2; 102 eggs at  
3s. 8d. per doz.

Somehow these do not seem real.  
One might almost say these eggs  
leave a nasty taste in the mouth.  
You feel instinctively there is a  
something "not nice" about them,  
that you are going "to be had,"  
somehow.

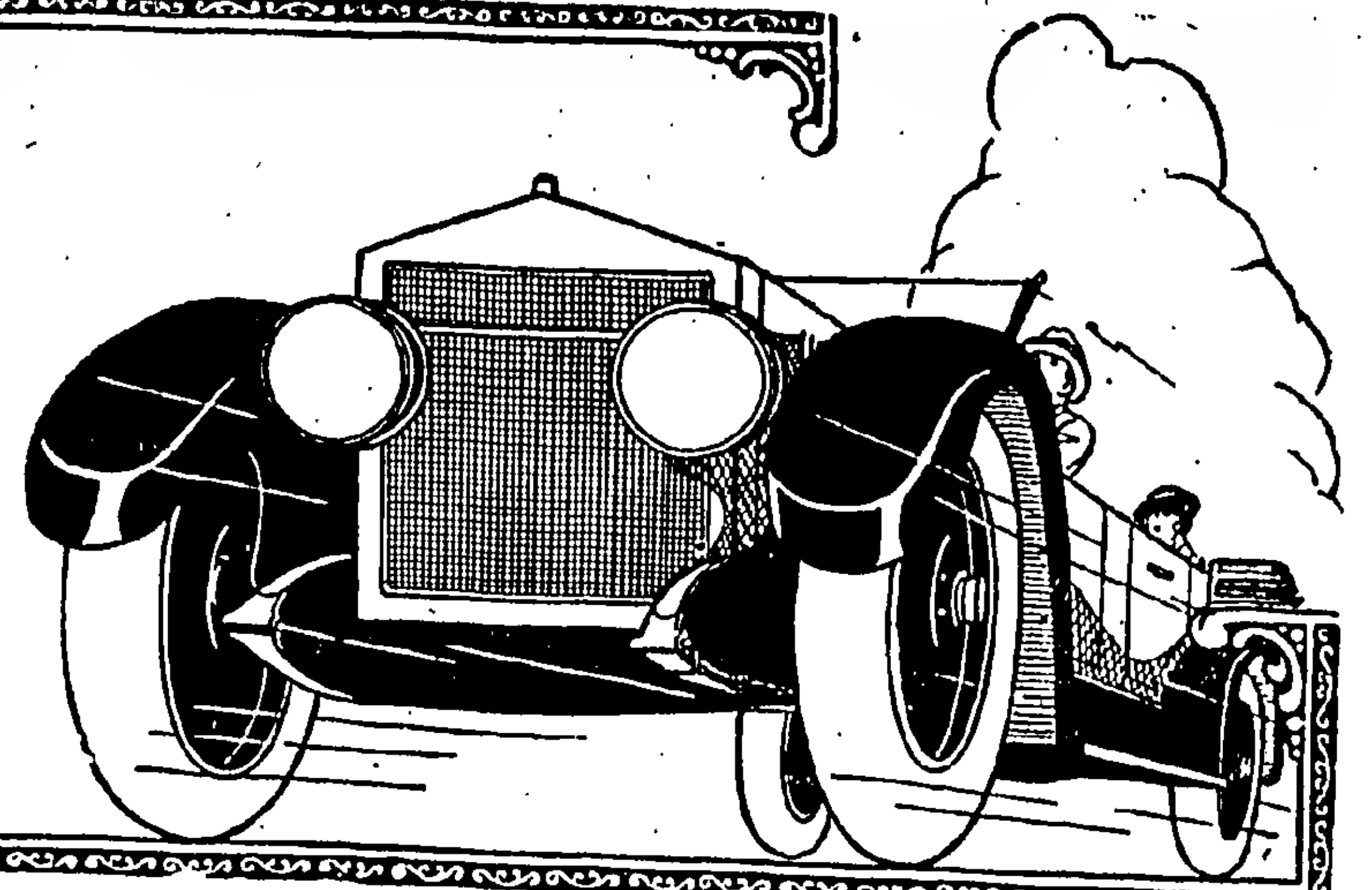
One final point. "Decimals to  
three places" says the Code. Alas,  
how often has that phrase been  
but skinned by the reader. Its  
full import not gathered! In one  
batch of fifty test papers there are  
41 sums which require a know-  
ledge of decimals. In 20 of these  
(Continued on Page 7.)



# MOTORING SUPPLEMENT



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## CURRENT COMMENT

### An Improvement

It has been recently noticed that  
public car vehicles on the Chater  
Road stand have adopted a better  
system in accepting fares, i.e., the  
first car on the rank is given pre-  
ference by the other drivers, and  
the others move up in turn. It would  
appear that O.B.U. action has  
been taken in the matter, for a  
man is now on duty who sees that  
the correct system is followed.  
Without doubt a very great  
improvement has been effected,  
and it is to be hoped that the  
public will assist by always  
engaging the first car on the rank.  
We imagine that other drivers  
would be quite justified in refus-  
ing fares, if their vehicles are  
not in the correct place in front  
of the line.

### Pedder Street.

Pedder Street has lost the  
congestion of yore, thanks to the  
prohibition of parking, but it does  
seem somewhat unnecessary to  
prevent cars from stopping out-  
side a shop for a few minutes.  
There seems no reason why a  
driver should not be allowed to  
leave his car to pay a hurried  
visit to one of the shops, and  
providing his business takes about  
five minutes or so, no incon-  
venience would be caused.

### TIME SAVING.

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### PROFITABLE PLANT.

Most garages and service sta-  
tions have by now realised the  
value of power car washing, but  
one factor which has in many  
cases operated against the instal-  
lation of such time-saving and  
profitable equipment has been the  
high cost of plant.

For nearly 12 months, con-  
tinuous experimental and research  
work has been carried out by  
Newton of Taunton, to ascertain  
the possibilities of marketing a  
complete range of high-pressure  
car washers which would over-  
come the disadvantage of high  
first cost and which would enable  
complete full pressure, full capa-  
city, reliable and simple car  
washing to be made available at  
prices within the reach of every  
trader. The Newton-Rotoforce  
Washer and the Newton-Hydrap-  
lunge Washer are the results of  
this study.

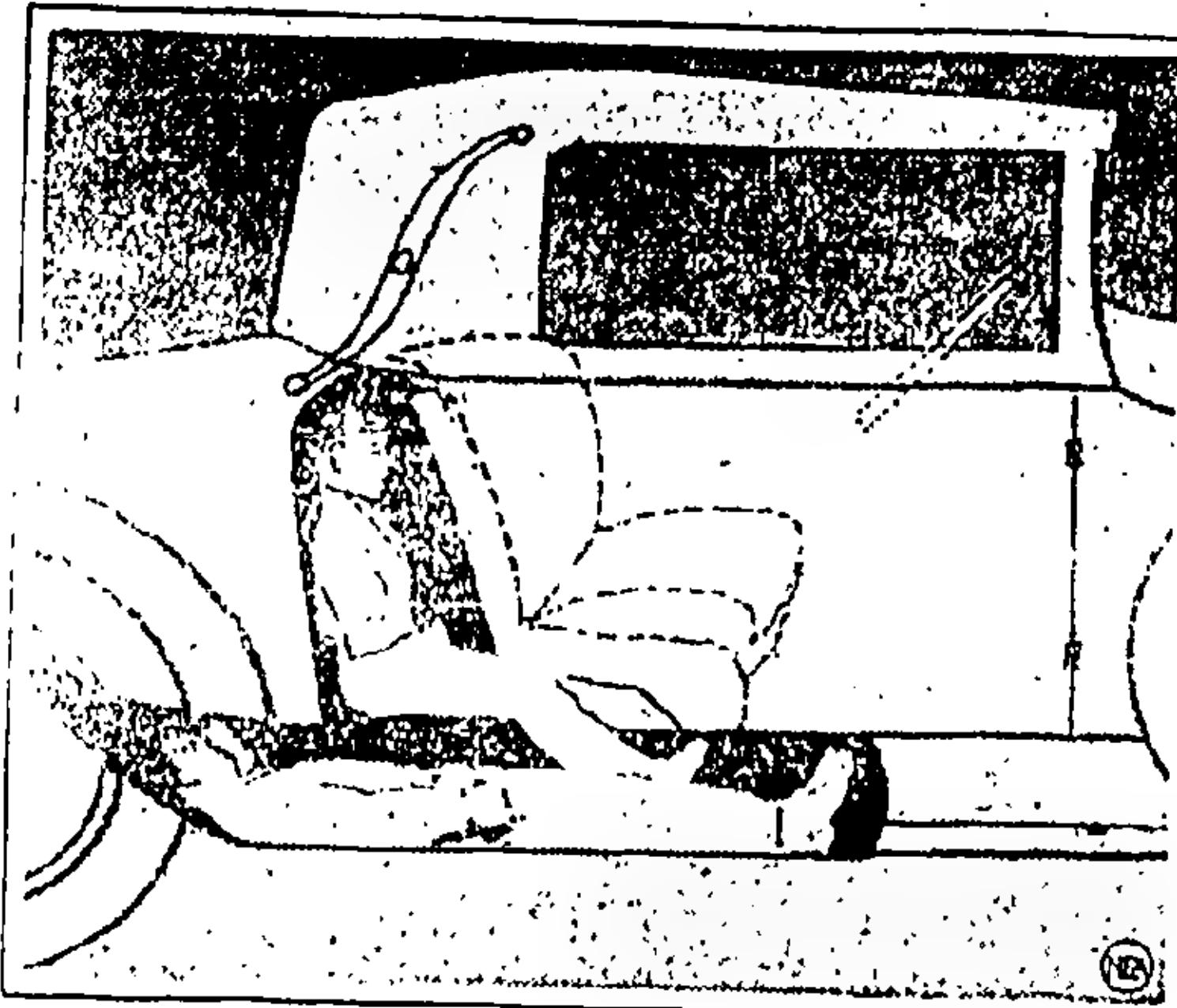
The Rotoforce Washer incor-  
porates a patent rotary pattern  
pump, which has only two moving  
parts; its mechanical efficiency is  
nearly 80 per cent., and it is quite  
noiseless in operation. Seven  
distinct models are produced,  
ranging from the one gun to a  
full six gun unit, and in this way  
the smallest garage, or even the  
private car owner, can use power  
washing as can also large garages  
and service stations.

The Hydraplunge type has been  
developed to meet the demand  
from those who prefer a pump of  
the plunger type. The design  
reduces the cost of maintenance,  
much parts as do wear requiring  
renewal only after long service. In  
fact, the complete washer can, after  
years of hard work, at any time  
be brought back to the equivalent  
of new condition at negligible ex-  
pense.

A characteristic feature of the  
Newton-Hydraplunge washer is  
the provision of the patent Trip  
Relief. This automatically lifts  
the suction valves when the guns  
are closed, relieving the electric  
motor of load and appreciably re-  
ducing running costs.

The guns themselves are in  
every case of special design, easy  
to handle and efficient in use.  
They give a graduation from a  
fine mist for body work.

## USED TO SMUGGLE ALIENS.



A neat scheme of smuggling aliens across the Mexican  
border was discovered by police at San Jose, Calif., recently  
when they seized the automobile of Allen Coburn and  
found the arrangement shown here whereby four men could  
be concealed in it. Coburn got \$250 each for smuggling  
the men into the United States.

## POPULAR MIDGET.

Large-Bodied "Small"  
Car.

## THE NEW HILLMAN MINX.

There has been a general ten-  
dency towards putting large  
bodies on small chassis, but no  
manufacturer has equalled the  
Hillman Company in this respect,  
for, in their new Minx, they have  
produced a car which really does  
seat four good-sized people in  
absolute comfort, yet the chassis  
has a wheelbase of no more than  
ft. 8 ins. Moreover, the  
Family Saloon model, comprehen-  
sively equipped, sells for as little  
as £155 at home. Add to these  
startling features the facts that  
the car is a thorough good-looker,  
equipped with ample power—a  
9.8 h.p. engine—that it will do  
over 60 m.p.h. and 35-40 m.p.h.,  
and it is obvious that, in the  
Minx, the Hillman Company have  
really achieved something sensa-  
tional.

So much one is forced to admit  
when one examines this new pro-  
duction. First impressions are  
most satisfactory, for the Minx is  
an exceedingly attractive car, so  
beautifully proportioned that it  
has not the air of being a small  
car at all. The symmetrical lines  
of the body are such that one gets  
an impression of bigness and  
dignity. Then, when one enters  
one finds ample leg-room and  
headroom combined with a width  
in the back seats, of no less than  
50½ ins. It is simply amazing.

Turning to mechanical details  
the engine is a four-cylinder, with  
side-by-side valves, of 9.8 h.p.  
R.A.C. rating, pressure lubricated  
and cooled by thermo-siphon an-  
d fan. Ignition is by coil. The  
Minx engine has one outstandingly  
meritorious feature—a 3-bearing  
crankshaft—so seldom found in  
small car engines. And yet it is  
the one solution to that annoying  
"thump" which disfigures so many  
otherwise pleasant machines.

The chassis is strongly con-  
structed and extraordinarily well  
sprung; the rear springs, indeed  
are no less than 44 ins. long, and  
shock absorbers are fitted all  
round. During the lengthy and  
thorough testing the Minx under-  
went on the Continent and else-  
where, it proved itself a car of  
great roadability, more than equal  
to the worst conditions of bad  
surfaces.

The gearbox provides three  
speeds and reverse, and transmis-  
sion is by Hordley-Spicer propeller  
shaft to spiral bevel axle. Power-  
ful four-wheel brakes of Bendix-  
Perrot type are employed, and  
separate rear and side lamps are  
provided. The petrol tank is at

the rear, and holds 6½ gallons,  
fed to the carburettor being by  
pump. The tyres are of 4.50 in.  
section, which is larger than usual  
for a car of this size. An in-  
genious feature is the manner in  
which the tools are disposed, each  
in its own special clip on a neat  
platform under the bonnet.

## TAKING PANES!

Prizes for Window  
Breaking!

## SUCCESSFUL STUNT.

One of the most novel competi-  
tions at the Triplex Company's  
sports at Birmingham this year  
was that in which all-comers were  
invited to hurl wooden balls at a  
window casement, and were offered  
£1 for each outside pane they  
broke!

This seemed a good thing until  
it was discovered that, as mis-  
takes were expected, the outside  
panes were of Triplex. Strong  
men hurried with all their might  
but although the glass was some-  
times "starred," no competitor  
even came near to shattering the  
money. Mr. Razindal, Delpech,  
sales director and founder of the  
company, was no more successful

## CRUDE OIL UNITS.

Thornycroft Diesel  
Engines.

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developed the gas producer for  
motor vehicles, and actually won  
the French Government Trials  
with a Thornycroft lorry so  
equipped, but this proved too much  
in advance of its time.

Now they have again become  
prominent with new designs of  
Diesel type engines, examples of  
which they exhibited in the Marine  
Section of the Motor Show, suit-  
ably equipped for marine service,  
and at the Commercial Motor  
Transport Show, where one of  
these was installed in the new  
Thornycroft 12-ton six-wheeled  
freight chassis. It attracted  
great attention, while even greater  
interest was aroused by a working  
exhibit of this engine, where  
visitors were able to inspect and  
"handle" it in operation.

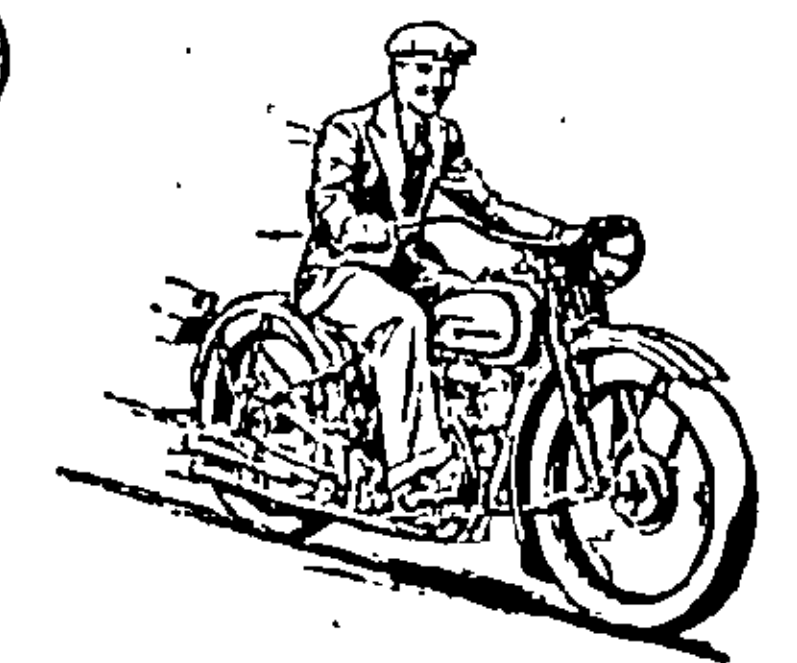
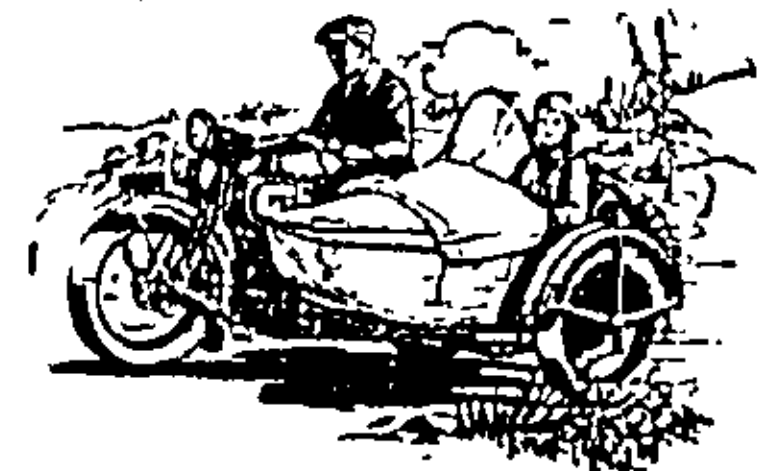
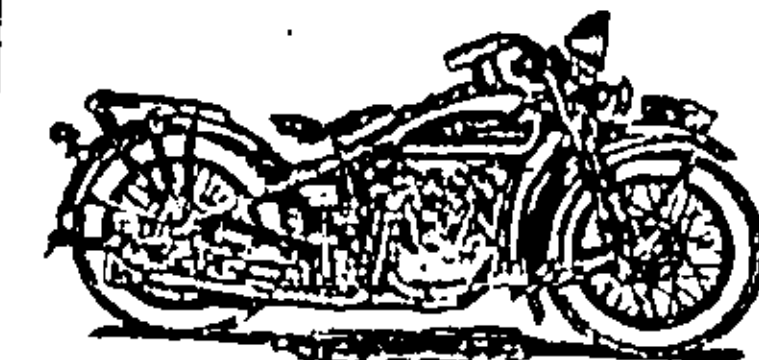
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efficiency is the result of clever  
design of the combustion cham-  
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esting to add a Thornycroft type  
of fuel pump and injectors is  
employed.

Although it is premature to  
promise too much of this engine  
at the moment, it is encouraging  
to overseas users to know that  
it is so well advanced as to be  
shortly available as an alterna-  
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more scarce and expensive.

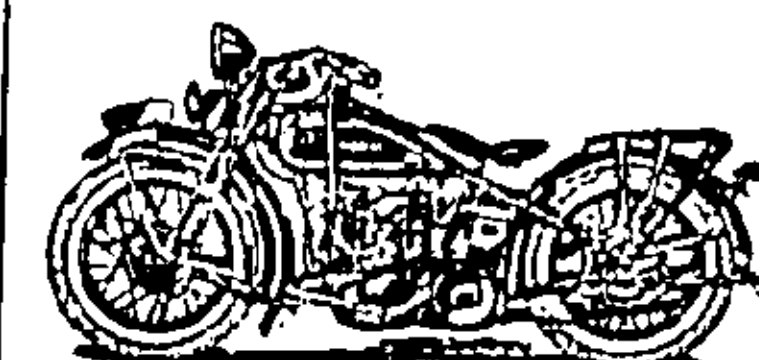
than his stalwart employees. The  
panes in the centre of the window  
frame were of ordinary plate glass,  
and were easily broken; no prize,  
however, was offered for this.

In spite of poor weather the  
sports were a great success,  
included in the party from London  
were Lt.-Col. O. C. Clare, D.S.O.,  
the chairman of the company, Mr.  
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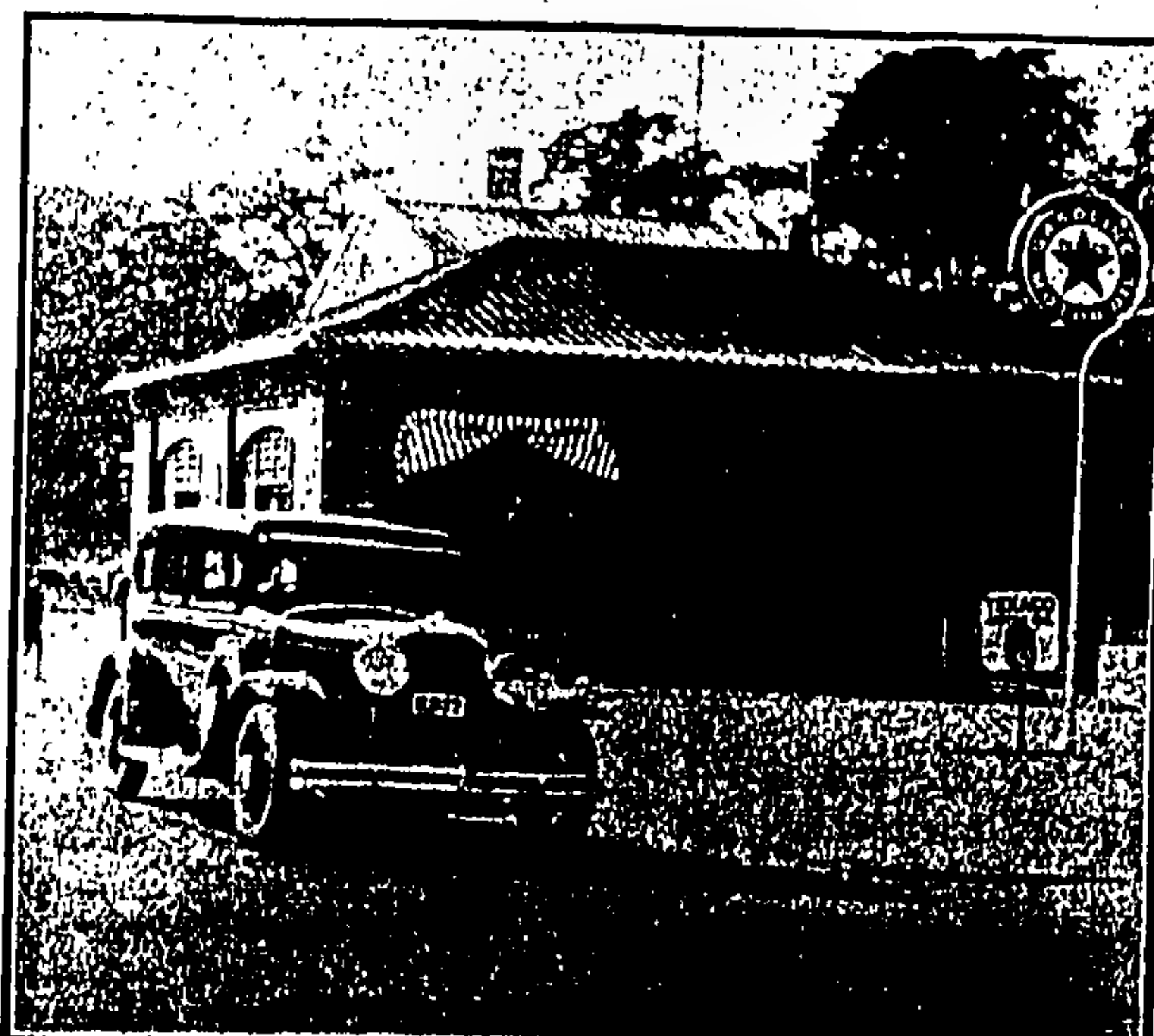
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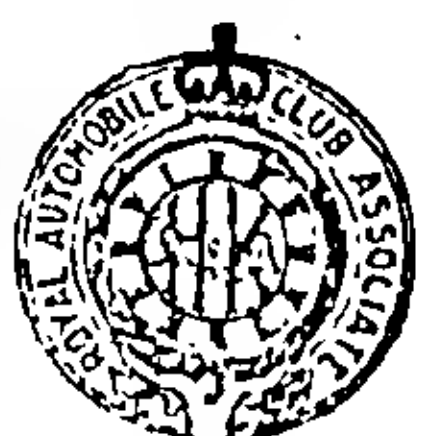
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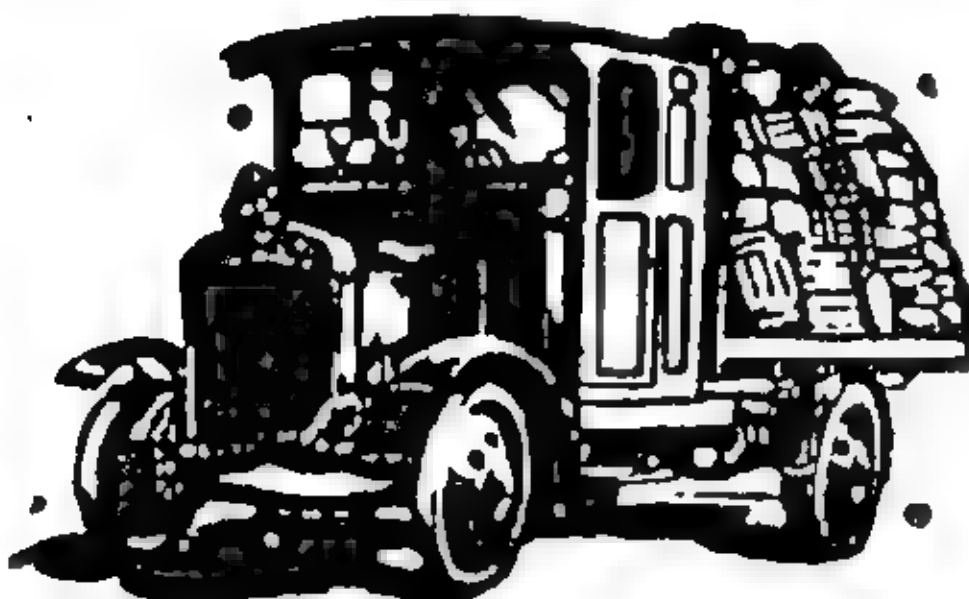
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[Special Report to the Hongkong Telegraph by R.A.C.]

## Good Business Done

During the first six days of the recent Commercial Motor Transport Exhibition some 40,000 people visited Olympia and examined the products of the very progressive industry represented there. Not only was the attendance highly satisfactory in point of numbers but in quality also. Some large orders were definitely placed and a considerable number are likely to mature as the result of the many enquiries received, of which it is satisfactory to record a useful proportion were from overseas.

Although from recent experience of modern passenger carrying vehicles on the road it would appear difficult to add to the comfort of such machines, it has none the less been done. The actual seating is more comfortable than ever and manufacturers have devoted attention to improving ventilation and heating systems.

In the case of long distance coaches, the matter of proper luggage accommodation has been dealt with in a number of cases. With the higher average speeds of to-day, improvements have been made in braking and steering systems, as well as suspension. Lower centres of gravity are the rule and vehicles generally hold the road better than their predecessors. Such safeguards as Triplex glaze, bumpers and some form of non-dazzle device are nowadays the rule rather than the exception. Of the latter, that is extensively used is the Lucas system in which electrically or pneumatically controlled reflectors can be operated to throw the beams of light downwards and to the rear side of the road.

## The Trend of Single Deckers.

An excellent example of a modern 32-seater bus is the new Albion Valiant, which was shown with a sliding roof body. The 6-cylinder engine is of the high-chest type with inclined overhead valves, this arrangement allowing the cylinder heads to be removed without disturbing the timing. To avoid steam condensation in the engine, special weatherers are arranged at the highest points and the inside design is kept clean.

The Victor 20-seater by the same firm is a low built machine specially designed for country service. Its lines are literally those of a big bus scaled down and by the employment of a body design seating three abreast, instead of four, the dumpy appearance of most 20-seaters has been avoided.

## Private Car Practice Followed

The 32-seater coach shown on a Dennis Arrow chassis was reminiscent of a high grade sports saloon car, the lines of the bonnet and bodywork hinting at the speed and power provided by the 6-cylinder engine of 100 h.p.

The new Dennis Lancet chassis for 32-seater bodies is full of distinctive features, including hydraulic braking with vacuum servo assistance. The 4-cylinder possesses a high efficiency turbulent head and special induction manifold. The fullfloating rear axle is, of course, worm-driven, a method of propulsion which the firm of Dennis has sponsored for very many years.

To the already successful Invader and Averger passenger chassis, the Corinthian has now been added in the Commer range, for 24/26 seater coach bodies. This model has a 6-cylinder engine developing over 65 h.p. and possesses a 7-bearing crankshaft. The gearbox provides 4-speeds with silent third and the rear axle is of the fully floating pattern. A 24-gallon petrol tank is mounted on the off-side of the chassis, with pump feed to the carburettor. The 4-wheel brakes are of vacuum servo assisted type.

## Big Orders For Buses

Just prior to the opening of the Exhibition, Thornycrofts received a repeat order from Egypt for 40 buses which are to be used in extending the Cairo services and on new services in Alexandria. It is less than a year ago that they received a contract for over 100 buses for Cairo, so that this repeat order is particularly satisfactory.

The firm's exhibits at Olympia included a 52-seater double deck bus exemplifying the very latest progress in design for municipal service, where constant starting, stopping, acceleration and braking impose very severe conditions. The engine is a 32 h.p. overhead valve 6-cylinder type and the transmission line is off-set, a new design of back axle being employed with v.v.v. shallow pot casings.

During the first six days of the Show A.E.C. definitely sold 125 vehicles, including an order from Hull Corporation for 30 buses. They made special arrangements for their employees to visit Olympia and this involved the purchase of 4,000 tickets.

On the main stand the A.C.C. Regent double decker was very prominent as it was shown with a special lightweight body seating 56 persons. As the complete vehicle fulfills all present day requirements of the Ministry of Transport in regard to weight and tilting, the construction of the body may be regarded as an outstanding achievement.

The Leyland Titan was first shown at Olympia four years ago and in the interval has achieved vast popularity both at home and overseas. In its latest form

various improvements have been incorporated. For instance, a fullfloating rear axle has now been substituted for the semi-floating type previously used and a new frame permitting the use of 9 in. low pressure tyres has been adopted. A new design of brake, too, permits the drums to be removed for inspection or re-lining with the hubs in position.

## Trolley Bus Developments.

By the way, the Titan double decker forms the basis of the new Leyland trolley bus, the electrical equipment being supplied by the G.E.C.

One of an order for the Chevrolet Corporation, the complete 4-wheel double deck trolley bus shown by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies has accommodation for 24 passengers in each saloon. In the case of this vehicle and also the 6-wheel chassis (one of 13 for Nottingham Corporation), power is derived from a series wound 80 h.p. traction motor. The chassis was designed to take a double deck top covered body seating 60-65 passengers.

Ransomes, of course, are specialists in body building and it is interesting to note that they are supplying some 40 bus bodies for the new Thornycroft chassis on order for Egypt. Thirty of these will be 20-seaters and the remainder 14-seaters.

## A Fountain of Oil.

An ingenious method of drawing attention to their products was adopted at the Show by Alexander Duckham & Co. on whose stand there was a fountain of "Morris Commercial" oil. The firm's experts have collaborated with Morris-Commercial engineers with the result that Duckham's are the only oil new recommended by Morris Commercial Cars Ltd. for use in their vehicles.

Another section of the stand was devoted to New Process oil among the advantages of which are ease of starting, freedom from carbon deposits and economy in running. Also, one grade serves for both summer and winter.

The remainder of this exhibit was devoted to lubricants for heavy oil engines, as now used in a number of commercial vehicles.

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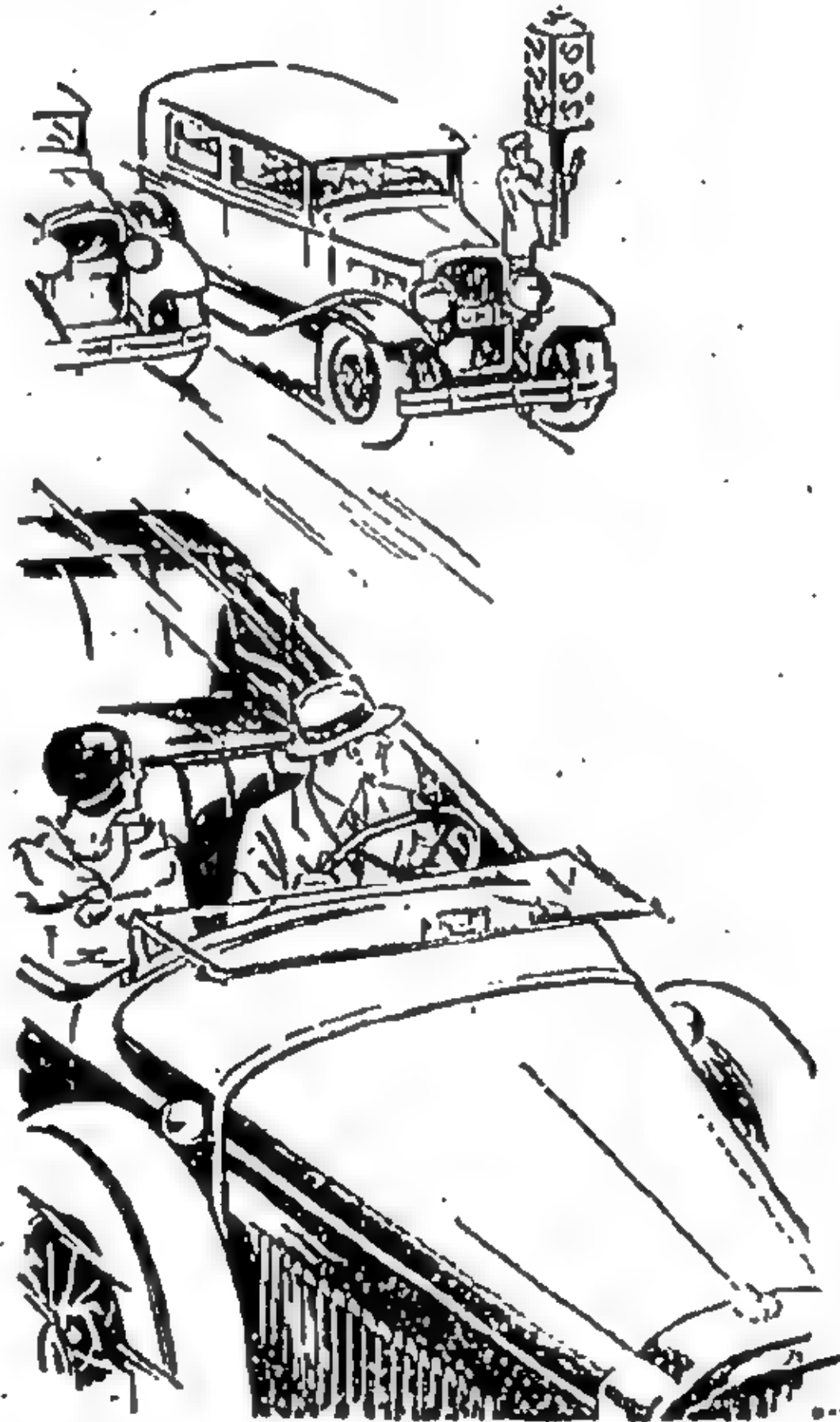
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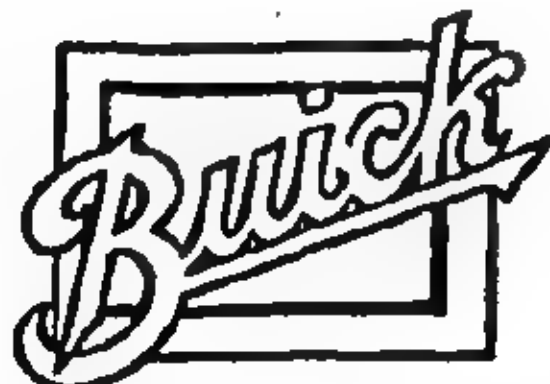
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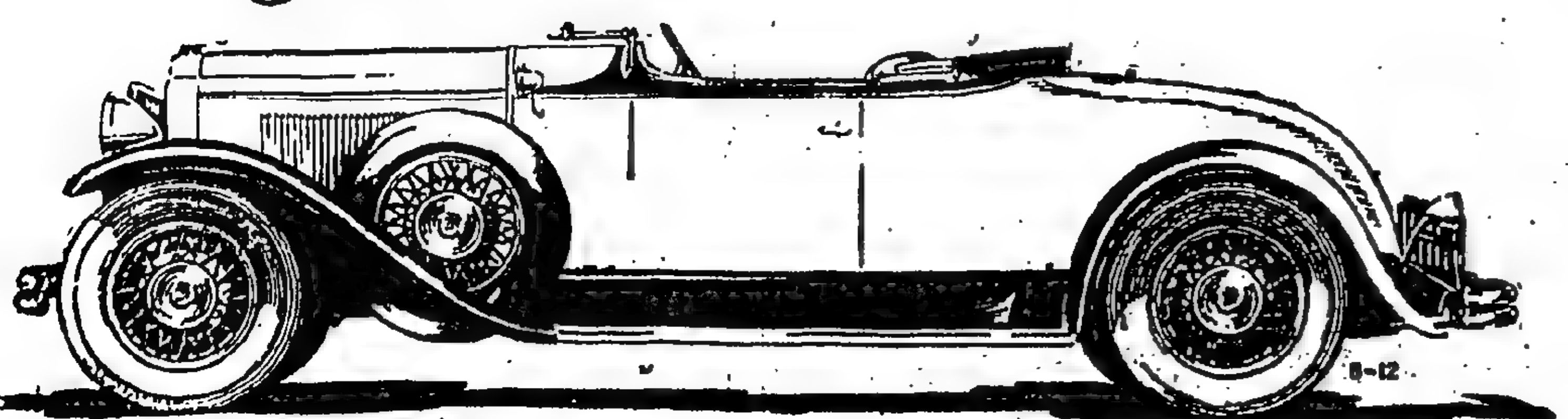
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## CAR DRIVERS PSYCHO-ANALYSED.

Expert and Human Accident Causes.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—The automobile driver is going to be diagnosed and psycho-analysed by a gathering of traffic experts here in an effort to discover what makes him do those "unnatural" things he does when at the wheel of his car.

This will be the first time motorists will undergo the critical examination heretofore only given the automobile, the highway and traffic in general.

The examination is to be made before some of the foremost traffic experts of the country when they gather in this city, October 12 to 16, for what is considered the outstanding traffic safety conference of the year.

This, however, will be only one of many topics to be discussed in at least 15 sessions of the Twentieth Annual Safety Congress and Exposition which will be devoted to the problems of making our automobile highways and drivers safer.

## Human Accident Causes.

Dr. W. V. Bingham, of the Personnel Research Federation and chairman of the National Safety Council's "committee on the driver," will undertake to identify the accident-prone motorist. He will point out that many factors besides the lack of ability to drive may enter into an operator's high-frequency record.

The possibility of physical defects must be considered. A bad driving habit which might easily be corrected may prove to be the cause. It is generally conceded that a man may be cured of having automobile accidents just as some physical defect might be cured.

Just what is to be done with the high-accident driver will be discussed by George R. Wellington, of the Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Department, and W. F. Hanna, of Baltimore, Md. The former will speak as a state official, the latter as a businessman interested in the economics of safe driving.

Finally Dr. C. S. Slocombe, also of the Personnel Research Federation, will conduct an actual demonstration of diagnosing and treating accident-prone drivers.

Highways Next in Importance.

Second to this topic in importance, among those to be discussed

at the Safety Congress, will be the engineering problem of making the highways safer for travel. For it is recognized among the traffic authorities that automobiles are safer than highways and the highways safer than motorists.

"Discovering Hazardous Locations" is the title of an address to be given by J. W. A. Bollong, traffic engineer of the City of Seattle. He will tell how, by keeping accurate accident records, dangerous corners may be brought to light.

There is no reason why so many cities should have a "death corner" or a "death curve." If adequate engineering knowledge is applied, Bollong will point out. The "collision diagram," a recent development in traffic engineering circles by which remedies for dangerous locations are devised, will also be discussed.

## To Go to "School."

Probably the most popular traffic sessions of the Congress will be those to be conducted each morning in the nature of a "school." Specific problems of interest to police chiefs and traffic engineers are to be discussed at each class.

On the faculty for this traffic school will be Maxwell N. Hutsey, traffic engineer of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters; Hawley S. Simpson, research engineer of the American Electric Railway Association; and Ernest P. Goodrich, president of the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

The increasing importance of keeping accurate accident records has made it imperative to schedule an entire session for a discussion of this important highway safety development. The roster of speakers indicates the nation-wide interest in the subject.

Two state motor vehicle commissioners, Robbins B. Sloeckel of Connecticut and Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey, will appear on the programme.

The driver's license law, recognized as one of the finest pieces of safety legislation yet devised but used as a political football in many state legislatures last year, will come in for a good deal of discussion at the legislative session on the last day of the Congress.

## BRITISH RACING TRIUMPHS.

More International Victories Won.

The last few weeks have seen yet more international triumphs added to the long list of British successes in trials of speed and endurance, triumphs which must be appreciated at their proper value throughout the world. Two Austrians, and Germans for the coveted Coupe des Glaciers in the Alpine trials: two of the existing world's speed records for baby cars, set up only five days before by British machines, the M. G. Midget and the Austin Seven, were beaten by a car said to be privately designed and built by Lord Ridley, when he attained 105.42 miles an hour over the flying kilometre and 104.466 over the flying mile; and the first £100 car to be marketed, the Morris Minor, achieved the astonishing figures of an average of 100.39 m.p.h. over a mile in both directions, 104 over the flying kilometre, and 101.96 for the double run.

## £100—100 M.P.H.

There has always been a subtle attraction about that designation, "the £100 car," but there has, until the Morris was exhibited and delivered into the hands of the public last year, always been a great deal of scepticism of the possibility of building a car at this price which would not only give faithful service but also be capable of such performance as is normally expected to-day of midget cars which cost from 25 per cent. to 100 per cent. more. Naturally, it is not to be expected that the Morris Minor that accomplished this remarkable feat is indistinguishable from the model you buy at a dealer's, but whatever modifications were necessary, it was a noteworthy achievement of which the British industry may well be proud.

## The Great Alpine Trial.

The successes of the Invicta, the Talbot, and the Riley in the Alpine trial are, however, of far more immediate interest to the average owner. There can never have been a more strenuous test either for machines or men. Fourteen hundred and seventy-five miles over the Alps of Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France in six days, at an average of something like 25 miles an hour, is a programme from which none but the very best cars are likely to emerge at all—let alone with credit. There is nothing freakish about this incomparable trial. The competitors simply have to make the best speed possible over the longest, most difficult, and highest mountain roads in Europe, which is exactly what every owner-driver who takes his car to the best touring-ground in the world hopes

to do himself. Absolute reliability and high engine efficiency are essential. The cooling system must do its work properly at both 1,000 and 9,000 feet above the sea, in warm weather and in cold; in wet and in dry. A wide steering-lock (the Talbot is reported to have climbed the Stelvio, the longest, highest, and narrowest carriage road in Europe, without once reversing at the hairpin bends—a very unusual feat; faultless brakes, steering and suspension; ice-cold judgment and nerves; considerable experience of mountain-motoring; perfect fitness and limitless pluck—these are indispensable.

## Best Cars in the World.

What you and your car have to do is simple enough, but only a combination of these will bring you within measurable distance of success. Neither alone will suffice. Only the very best cars and the most skilled and level-headed drivers will get through at all.

This year the British competitors, a small minority, carried off two first-class awards, in Groups 1 and 2. Mr. Healey and his Invicta in the first and Mr. H. E. Symons and his three-litre Talbot in the second; two second-class awards, Lord de Clifford and his M.G. Midget in Group 3; and the Riley team in Group 3 of the International Alpine Cup (team entries). Mr. Healey and Mr. Symons tied with Mercedes-Benz and Austro-Daimler, and Austro-Daimler, "O.M." and Lancia respectively for the Coupe des Glaciers (individual entries), and all received a Coupe. Further, the Invicta and the Talbot made second and third fastest times over the Stelvio, the biggest climb of all.

Only seven out of the 62 starters got through without loss of marks the other unpenalised cars being the new 2,200 c.c. "O.M." the 3-litre and 3½ litre Austro-Daimlers, the 3½-litre unsupercharged Mercedes-Benz and the 2½-litre four-cylinder Lambda-Lancia. It is sincerely to be hoped that Great Britain will be more widely represented next year in a really sporting event in which the peculiar difficulties are properly understood by the average owner-driver, for whose benefit all races and competitions are ultimately intended. He may never wish to race, but he must be a full dog who does not nourish however secretly, a desire to take his own car over the most famous mountain roads in Europe, and he must be interested in the cars which do best in this best of all contests.

## VALUE OF SPEED.

Benefit to Motor Industry.

## SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

The answer to the many people who wonder what is the value of the motor and aviation industries of speed attempts like the Schneider Trophy race is given by Mr. A. F. Sidgreaves, the Managing Director of Rolls-Royce Ltd., one of the most prominent figures in the industry.

"As a result of the test this year," Mr. Sidgreaves said, "all the main components of these engines have undergone a definite improvement, and in consequence the life of the standard engine in service will be much longer than it would otherwise have been."

"From the development point of view," he added, "the Schneider Trophy contest is almost an economy, because it saves so much time in arriving at certain technical improvements. It is not too much to say that research for the Schneider Trophy contest over the past two years is what our aero-engine department would otherwise have taken six to ten years to learn."

Much that they had learned from the contest was capable of being applied to their Rolls-Royce cars in general use.

"For the last few years," he added, "Britain's supremacy in the manufacture of aircraft is generally recognised, and is due to the experience and knowledge gained in contests such as the Schneider Trophy."

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## THIRD PARTY RISKS.

Many car owners believe themselves adequately protected if they are covered under the ordinary comprehensive motor insurance policy to the extent of £1,000 against third party risk (public liability). That this belief may be misleading is demonstrated by a recent report of a case in Melbourne where a widow was awarded £2,350 compensation against a car-driver who had been responsible for the death of her husband. The insurance scheme recently introduced by the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland for the benefit of members includes unlimited third party cover, in addition to other benefits not obtainable in the ordinary comprehensive policy.

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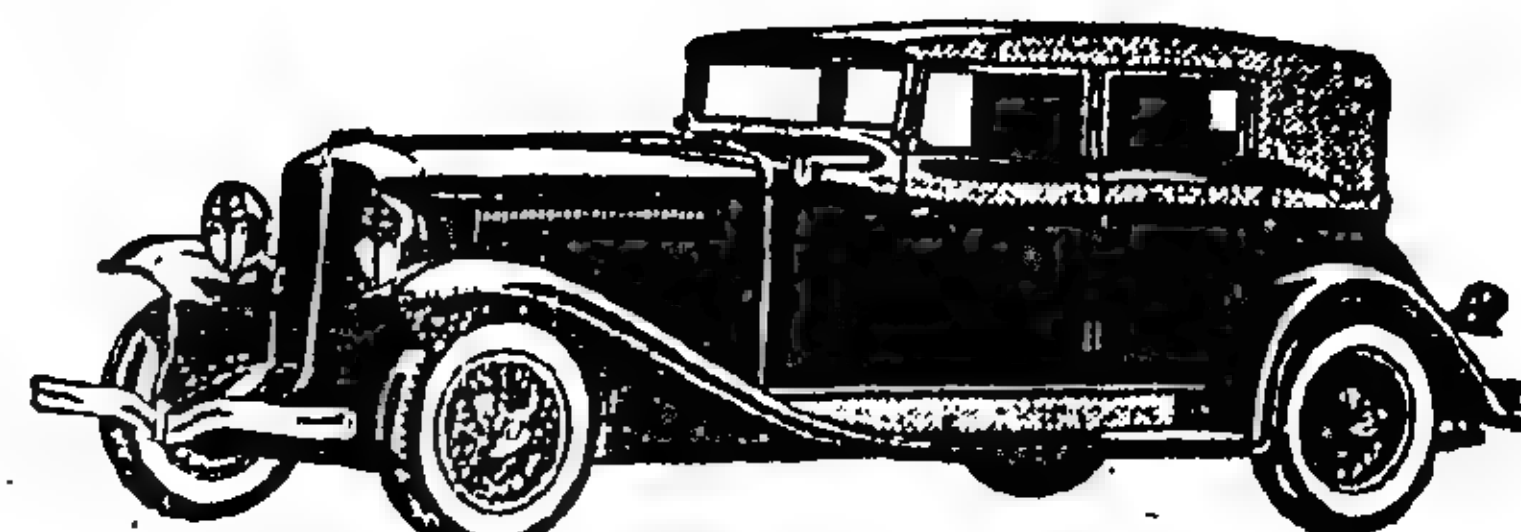
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One model, the "Silver Ghost," actually continued in production for as long as 19 years, with only minor modifications. It was not superseded in fact until 1926, when the "Phantom I" was introduced.

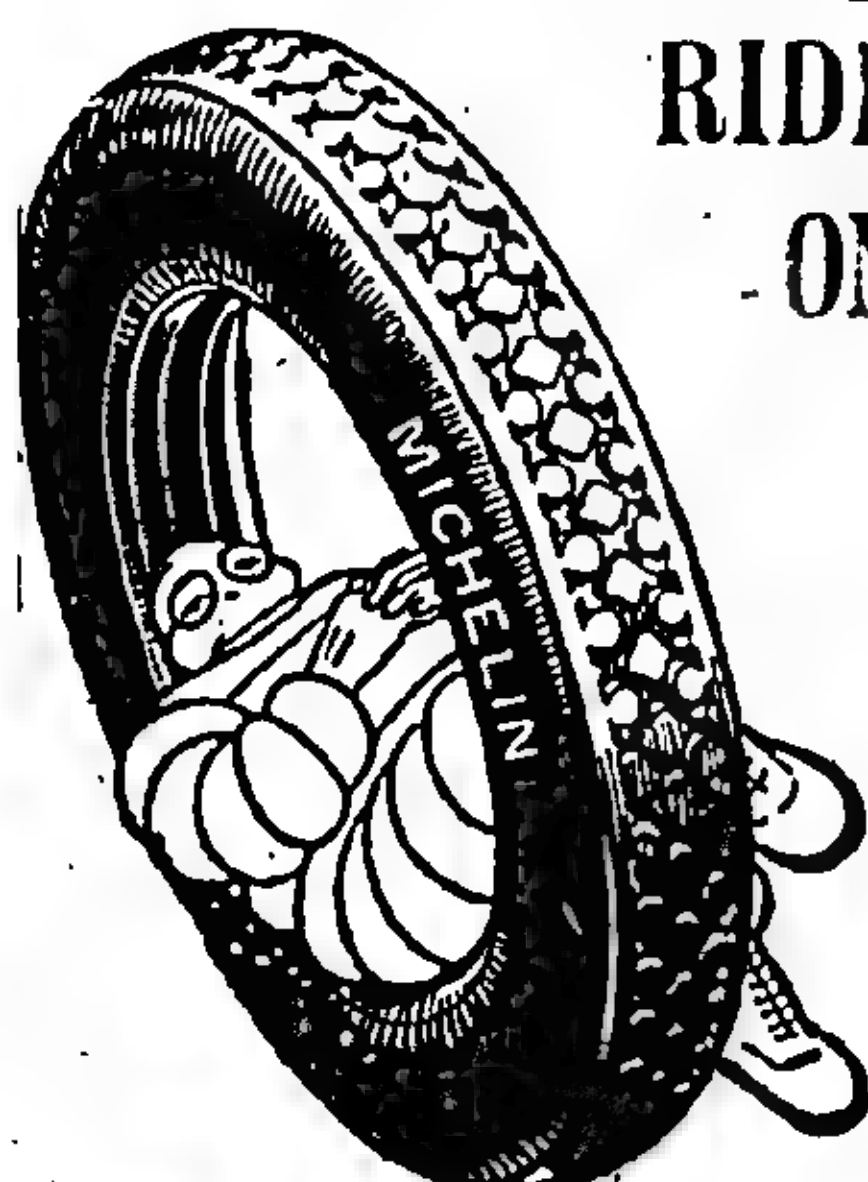
Thus, for 1932 the principal characteristics of design of the 40/50 h.p. chassis remain unchanged. There are, however, several detail improvements of

an important nature, which will be greatly appreciated by purchasers.

For instance, the width across the rear wheels has been slightly increased, which will have the effect of giving better accommodation on the back seat and enabling three people of normal size to be seated comfortably. The system of centralised lubrication which has proved highly successful, has now been extended to the front and back axles, which previously had to be lubricated separately by an oil gun. An Auto Kleen filter has been introduced into the engine oil system.

In connexion with the cooling system, the radiator shutters are now controlled automatically by a thermostat, and a new type of radiator tube with improved cooling properties has been introduced.

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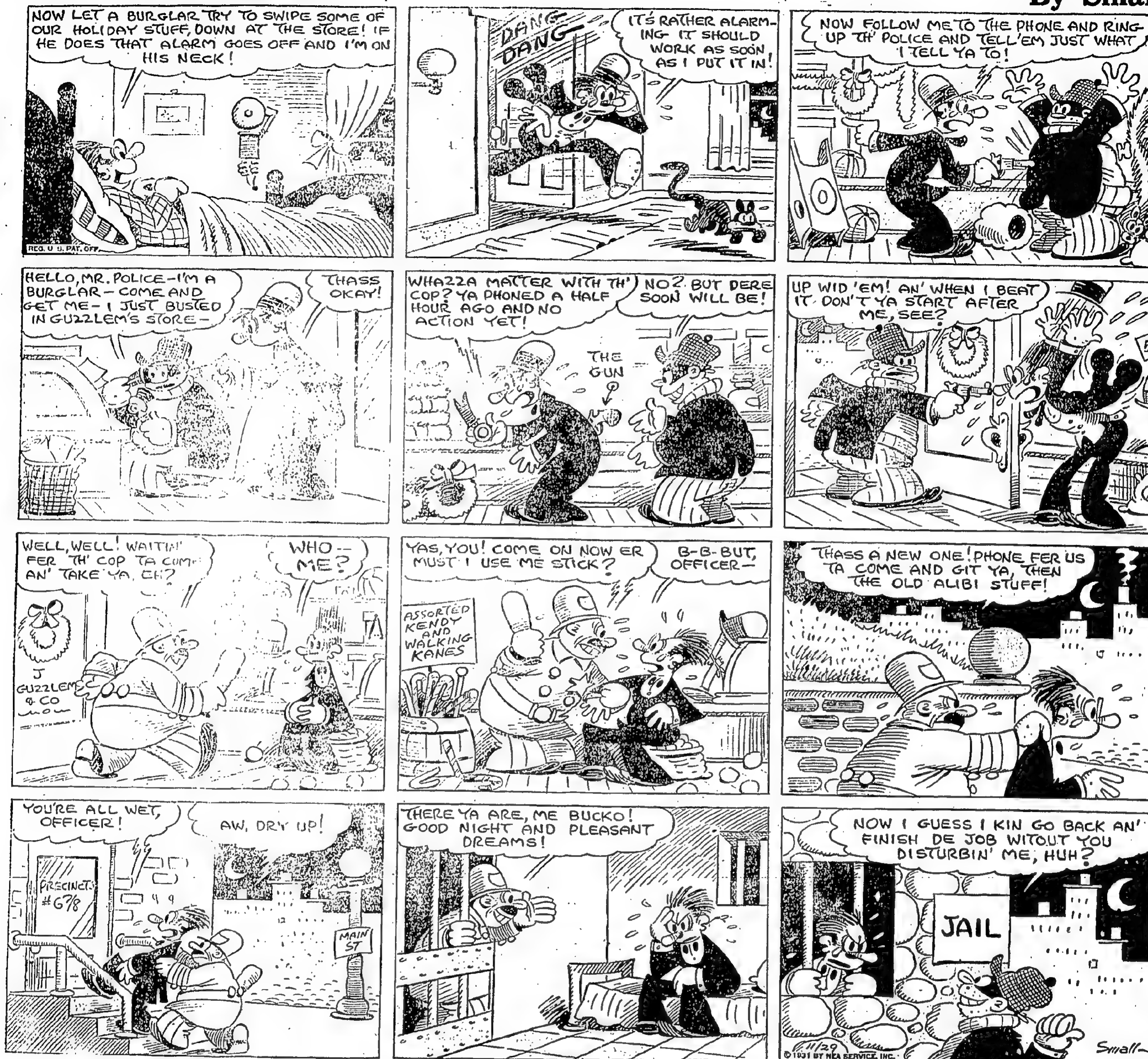
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## MACAO RACES.

## PROSPECTS OF GOOD SPORT.

(By "Ringtail").

Judging by the departure list for Macao to-day, owners have been very liberal in their support of the Macao Jockey Club, which will hold its fourth extra meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Many changes have been made which will benefit visitors generally, and I am certain that the Stewards will leave no stone unturned in order to make patrons as comfortable as possible. Quite a big attendance will be registered at this meeting on account of the certainty of bigger and better fields.

Many of the ponies competing have figured prominently at recent Hongkong and Fanning Meetings, and with form so well exposed, punters should have a very profitable day. My selections are:

## 1st Race.

Daylight Eve.  
African Eve.  
Ataman.

## 2nd Race.

Imperial Hall.  
Cloudy Bay.  
The Gomeril.

## 3rd Race.

Bonzo.  
Golden Glory.  
Pure Music.

## 4th Race.

Blue Heaven.  
Cream Cracker.  
The Quail.

## 5th Race.

Bay of Bellingham II.  
Sunning.  
Discord.

## 6th Race.

New Kink.  
Celerity.  
Sunny Day.

## FIRE SERVICE CHARGES.

## WATER AUTHORITY PERMITS.

The following new regulations have been made under the Waterworks Ordinance by the Governor-in-Council:

Fire services may be permitted by the Water Authority when in his opinion or in the opinion of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade the same are necessary or expedient to enable water from the waterworks to be used by the owner or occupier of any building or structure for the purpose of combating fire.

Every permit for a fire service granted by the Water Authority shall be subject to such conditions, stipulations and reservations as he may see fit to make or impose.

No fire service permit shall include or imply undertaking, warranty or obligation on the part of the Government or any department or officer thereof that water will at all times or when required be available by or through the fire service, or against failure or breakdown or defects or interruptions.

The following fees shall be paid into the Treasury for the use and/or retention of fire services on and after 1st January, 1932:—  
6" service, \$110 per annum;  
4" service, \$75 per annum;  
3" service, \$50 per annum;  
2" service, \$35 per annum.

## THE VEHICULAR FERRY.

## FORM OF TENDER MODIFIED.

Recent criticism in the Legislative Council of the form of tender for the passenger and vehicles ferry is recalled by a notification in the current issue of the Gazette.

This states that provided the particulars of vessels, other than special type vessels, are given in sufficient detail to enable the Government to satisfy itself that the vessels are suitable for the service required, drawings and specifications need not be provided.

## RED-SHIRT CHIEF ARRESTED.

## INDIA "REBEL" ORGANISATION.

New Delhi, Dec. 25.  
Abdul Gaffur Khan, the leader of the "Red-Shirts" who have been stirring up trouble along the North-West Frontier, has been arrested.—*Reuter*.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The World Crisis.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—Your comments on "The World in Disintegration" certainly set one wondering what we are in for during the coming year. International enmity appears to be thriving in a soil of economic panic, and as far as one can foresee, there can only be one end to it all—war, revolution, starvation for millions, and a reign of terror and disillusionment for us all.

Instead of openly acknowledging that the calamitous state of affairs is due entirely to the national aversion and international cut-throat competition of the past two decades, and getting down to the only real solution—financial and economic co-operation—the Governments of the world are frantically grasping out at any vile hold that is likely to improve their own position, no matter what it may cost the other nations. The probability of retaliation is flagrantly ignored, and when the reprisal does come along, surprise and indignation are brought into play to stir up international resentment.

The trouble is that the world is being run by vested interests, people who have become too panic-stricken about their own financial affairs to be able to consider the position from either the national or the international standpoint. Since the last war, we have had an outstanding manifestation of the insincerity and treachery of politicians in the consistent and deliberate disregard that has been shown towards the invaluable recommendations of Professor Gustav Cassel, the greatest living authority on international finance; and even in the present all too frequent crises, personal and class interests are proving too strong to permit of the application of any national or humanitarian remedial measures.

The sooner the man-in-the-street wakes up to the fact that he is being hypnotised into an optimistic illusion, and that he is being rushed into the biggest and bloodiest upheaval in history—the French Revolution on a world-wide scale—the fewer will be his regrets and self-recriminations when the conflagration dies down, providing of course, that he is still alive and has retained sufficient sanity to indulge in retrospection.

What the world is crying out for to-day—now, before it is too late—is co-operation, toleration and harmony. The application of the Christmas spirit, not only over a bottle, but throughout the whole day's association, individually and nationally, will achieve immeasurably more than all the wild fiscal, financial and economic schemes that are being put into operation to-day.

The immediate dissemination of the co-operative spirit is the paramount necessity as we stand at the moment, and unless every one of us is prepared to get his shoulder to his own little cog in the evolutionary wheel, nothing can possibly save the world from bloodshed, chaos and disintegration.—  
Yours, etc.,  
X.

## 1,000 MYSTERY TELEGRAMS.

## BREAKFAST TABLE SURPRISE.

One thousand Sheffield men received mysterious telegrams recently inviting them to a public meeting to be held in the city at night.

The telegrams, which read "Vital matters will be discussed, urgency warrants this wire," were handed over the counter at the head post office, with instructions, that they were to be delivered by breakfast time, not later than 8.30. The messages were addressed to all districts in the city, and a squad of messenger boys completed their task by the specified time.

The messages related to a meeting organised by a religious organisation, and the result was a meeting three times the size of recent gatherings.

A Post Office official said that the possibility of alarm being caused to receivers of the telegrams at such an early hour was pointed out to the sender, who, however, was within his rights in sending them.

No reference was made to the messages at the meeting.

## CHRISTMAS DAY STORM.

## SOME CASUALTIES AT FRISCO.

According to news received locally in shipping circles, a terrific storm visited the Pacific coast of the United States on Christmas Day.

Some casualties were caused to small craft at San Francisco.

## BABIES INSTEAD OF DOLLS.

## MOTHER-TRAINING AT GIRLS' SCHOOL.

New York, Nov. 25.  
At an age when many girls are still playing with their dolls a group of New York schoolgirls will be handling live babies and training them in the way they should be.

Girls who are being educated under the famous Dalton plan will take part in a novel scheme designed to raise "the perfect baby," and also to train, prospectively "the perfect mother."

It is an attempt to give infants every advantage known to medical science and psychology, while at the same time to inculcate in girls a love for children and the ambition of motherhood. A committee of physicians will choose the babies, whose mothers will all be workers unable to take care of their children during the day.

The little ones must be in perfect health before they are chosen, and it will be one of the tasks of the schoolgirls to see that they remain so. The girls will receive the babies in the morning, bath them, and give them the right food, prepared by themselves under the supervision of a trained nurse.

## "SWEATED" SCHOOL CHILDREN.

(Continued from Page 6.)

sums the pupil has to work 4, 5, 6, or even 7 places of decimals. Who is responsible for such overcrowding of the curriculum?

## "MAN OVERBOARD!"

"Man overboard!" How that poignant cry, passing along a ship's deck, grips the heart, spurring sailors to quick action.

A life to be saved, even, if need be, at the cost of their own. Picture a storm-battered tramp steamer wallowing along in the teeth of a gale, her decks continually flooded. A member of the crew is taken unawares, and swept over the side to be the sport of angry seas.

"Man overboard!" The officer of the watch hears the cry, pulls the telegraph over to stop, and almost with the same action throws a life-buoy in the direction of the struggling man.

The captain takes charge; a lifeboat is cut from the lashings and swung outboard. There is no call for volunteers—there is no need. Sailors, engineers, half-naked firemen from the hot stokehold jostle each other for places.

The boat, in charge of the mate, is lowered to a heaving sea that leaps up to embrace it. The boat seems a futile thing, tossing up and down in a raging sea. Water is shipped, driving rain soaks the crew, piercing cold wind almost rips off their scanty clothing.

Yonder, pulling bow, sits a coal-grimed fireman, with thin singlet split from neck to waist, his eyes on the resolute face of the steersman.

On the crest of a wave the mate sights his salvage, three or four men away. "Pull!" men, put you backs in it!" barks the mate, as he skillfully steers the boat, dodging a big comb that threatened disaster.

Down a foam-laced valley of water that blots the steamer from view; only the roar of escaping steam from her safety valves indicates her presence.

Now on the crest of a green hill of water that licks the boat's timbers hungrily. "Pull, bully boys, pull!" sings the mate, as the boat shoots down another valley, and the half-drowned man is reached. With masterly skill he is dragged on board—one false move, and the boat would be swamped.

Her head is carefully turned shipwards, muscles almost crack as the oars bend with strain; feet are numb by icy water. Meanwhile the captain has manoeuvred his vessel towards the boat, giving her a lee-side.

Alongside at last, one minute almost level with the deck, and the next far-down at her bilge. "Fend off there. Fend off!" is the cry. At last the boat is hooked on to the swinging tackle, and willing hands pull her up to her cheeks; the only casualty a broken gunwale, as the sea, balked of its prey, sought to smash the boat against steel plating.

"Full speed ahead!" clangs the telegraph, as sea-hammered, aching men tumble below to dry clothes while the steward serves out a glass of grog.

The rescued man is first-aided, back to life. Another miracle performed on the high seas—recorded in the log-book in half a dozen words.

A stiff, tricky job in the day's work, well done and forgotten—in the life of another day.

W. B. A.

## TORTOISE DIES AGED 120.

## BLOB OF THE ZOO.

Blob, one of the world's oldest tortoises, has died at the London Zoo. She was presented by the Governor of the Seychelles Islands, in the Indian Ocean, in August 1919, when she weighed about 1½ cwt. and was known to be 120 years old. Her reputed age was much greater.

Blob carried her years well, for at the inquest, she was found to be the mother of 222 eggs, ranging in size from that of mere marbles to pigeon balls.

A cabbage a day had kept the doctor away until recently, when she suddenly developed kidney trouble. She was a yard long, with a waist line of 72 inches, but her brain was no larger than a walnut, which may have accounted for her longevity, for Blob had no worries.

Only a few hundred of these giant tortoises now exist. Two centuries ago they swarmed in the Seychelles, Galapagos, Pacific Ocean, and other remote island groups, but their flesh, oil, and eggs made them much too valuable to be allowed to live.

To-day such monsters are beyond mere market value. Occasionally they are interchanged, as a grave gesture of scientific courtesy, between Zoo and Zoo.

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## SUNDAY.

Relay of "Messiah" Service.  
11-12.15 a.m. Relay of Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.15 p.m. Chinese Programme.  
1 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

2 p.m. Close Down.  
3 p.m. Choral Service from "Messiah." Soloists—Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith (Soprano).  
Mrs. L. Lockhart (Contralto).  
Mr. H. Annes (Tenor).  
Mr. R. H. Bailey (Bass).  
Pianist—Mrs. Phillips.  
Conductor & Organist—Mr. G. E. Longyear.

Order of Service.  
Hymn—"Oh Come All Ye Faithful"  
Invocation & Lord's Prayer.

Readings.  
Recit—"Comfort Ye" (Tenor).  
Chorus—"And the Glory" (Choir).  
Recit—"Thus Saith the Lord" (Bass).  
Air—"That Who May Abide" (Bass).  
Recit—"Behold A Virgin" (Contralto).

Air—"Chorus" (Choir).  
Good Tidings To Zion" (Contralto & Choir).  
Pastoral Symphony.

Recit—"There were Shepherds" (Soprano).  
Recit—"And the Angel" (Soprano).  
Chorus—"Glory To God" (Choir).  
Air—"Rejoice Greatly" (Soprano).  
Recit—"Then Shall the Eyes" (Contralto).

Air—"He Shall Feed His Flock" (Contralto).  
Air—"Come Unto Him" (Soprano).  
Chorus—"Hallelujah" (Choir).  
Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

8-10 p.m. Programme of Recorded Music.  
8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.  
8.3-8.30 p.m.

Mon Lac (G. M. Witkowski).  
Robert Casadesu (Piano) and  
Orchestre Symphonique de Paris  
conducted by the composer.

8.30-9.15 p.m. Christmas Hymns—Selection  
The New Sanctuary Quartette.  
9.140.

Quartette—Christmas Carols—Selection  
The New Sanctuary Quartette.  
9.140.

Quartette—Good King Wenceslas.  
Quartette—God Rest Ye Gentlemen.  
New Temple Quartette with  
Organ. G. 7193R.

Organ Medley of Christmas Carols.  
St. Mary's Church Organ.  
Organist Clarence Raybould. 9.139.

Quartette—Good Christian Men Rejoice.  
Quartette—O, Come All Ye Faithful.  
New Temple Quartette with  
Organ. G. 7191R.

Orchestral—A Dream of Christmas.  
Fantasy (Ketelbey). Court.  
Symphony Orchestra. 9.138.

Orchestral—Sanctuary of the Heart  
(Ketelbey). Court Symphony  
Orchestra. 9.138.

9.10-10 p.m. A Concert.  
Song—Ermine-Lullaby (Jakobowski).  
Song—Jocelyn-Angela Guard Theo  
(Godard). Hulda Lashanska  
(Soprano). 1469.

Violin Solo—Tango (Albeniz-Kreisler).  
Violin Solo—Dance Espagnole (De  
Falha-Kreisler). Fritz Kreisler.  
1330.

Song—In an Old-Fashioned Town  
(Squire).  
Edgar Coyle (Baritone). 2B99R.

Piano Solo—Album Leaf (Grieg).  
Piano Solo—Capriccio (Brahms).  
Harold Bauer. 1418.

Song—Ave Maria (Hall, Mary) (Kahn).  
Song—The Nightingale and the Rose  
(Rimsky-Korsakov). Roan  
Fosselle (Soprano). 1463.

Octet—Twilight on the Waters  
(Squire).  
Octet—The Piccininnies' Picnic  
(Squire). J. H. Squire Celeste  
Octet. DB2.

Song—The Three Ravens  
(arr. Kennedy Scott).  
Song—The Boatmen (Harris). John  
Goss and the Cathedral Male  
Voice Quartet. B.3548.

Violoncello Solo—Gavotte (Mozart).  
Violoncello Solo—Menuet (Debussy).  
Pablo Casals. 1191.

10 p.m. Close Down.

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## RADIO BROADCAST

## PROGRAMMES FOR THE WEEK-END.

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## BOXING DAY.

4.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese recorded programme.  
7.00-12.00 midnight. European recorded programme.

7.00-7.35 p.m. Variety.  
Song—The Clock-Work Courtship.  
Song—Fanny Shoot Golf.  
Gracie Fields. H.M.V. B.795.  
Hawaiian Guitars—Isle of Oahu.  
Hawaiian Guitars—Waters of  
Waikiki.  
Frank Ferera with Steel Guitar.  
Col. 3745.

Chorus—Dusky Stevedore.  
Chorus—Blue Shadows.  
The Revelers. Vic. 21705.

Piano Solo—Jasmine.  
Piano Solo—Sweet Nothings.  
Ellie Mayerl. Col. 6071.

Song—Trot On My Hands.  
Song—Goodnight Sweetheart.  
Russ Columbo. Vic. 22826.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.

7.35-8.10 p.m. Light Opera Vocal Gema.

The Merry Widow (Leon-Lehar).  
Victor Light Opera Co. Vic. 35416.

A Country Girl (Ross-Monckton).  
Columbia Light Opera Company.  
Col. DX78.

Lilac Time (Ross-Schubert).  
Columbia Light Opera Company.  
Col. 0580.

Merrie England (Hood-German).  
Miriam Licette, Clara Sorena, Francis  
Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Cary  
and Chorus. Col. 9893.

8.10-9.00 p.m. Orchestra.  
Carneal Overture (Dvorak).  
Chicago Symphony Orchestra—con-  
ducted by Frederick Stock.  
Vic. 0550.

Salome's Dance (R. Strauss).  
Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by  
Leopold Stokowski. Vic. 7259-60.

Japanese Nocturne (Eichheim).  
Leopold Stokowski and The Phila-  
delphia Orchestra. Vic. 7260.

Afternoon of A Faun (Debussy).  
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra  
conducted by Leopold Stokowski.  
Vic. 0896.

Fete-Dieu A Seville (Albeniz).  
Leopold Stokowski and The Phila-  
delphia Symphony Orch. Vic. 7158.

Marche Joyeuse (Chabrier-Hinrichs).  
Victor Symphony Orch. Vic. 36087.

9.00-12.00 midnight. Dance music.  
Fox Trot—Have A Heart.  
Fox Trot—To-night or Never.  
Vic. 22794.

Fox Trot—Without That Gall.  
Fox Trot—Never! Vic. 22750.

Fox Trot—There Will Never be  
Can Do.  
Fox Trot—The Language of Love.  
Col. D2093.

Waltz—Two Hearts.  
Fox Trot—Soldier On The Shelf.  
Vic. D2438.

Fox Trot—Fanny Dear What Love  
Can Do.  
Fox Trot—Tain't No Sin.  
Col. D2098.

Fox Trot—What Would I Care?  
Fox Trot—What Is This Thing  
Called Love Col. D2099.

Fox Trot—What If I Do  
Fox Trot—Wipe 'em Off.  
Col. D2087.

Waltz—Someday I'll Find You.  
Waltz—Kashmiri Song.  
Col. CB141.

Fox Trot—Under A Texas Moon.  
Fox Trot—Can't You Understand?  
Col. D2088.

Fox Trot—Dixie Jamboree.  
Fox Trot—He's So Unusual.  
Col. D2048.

Fox Trot—Lucky Me—Loveable You.  
Fox Trot—Love Ain't Nothin' But  
The Blues. Col. D2046.

Waltz—Bitter Sweet.  
Fox Trot—If Love Were All.  
Col. 5448.

Fox Trot—I Want To Be Happy.  
Fox Trot—Tea For Two. Col. D2078.

Fox Trot—When I Am Home  
Keeping For You.  
Fox Trot—Do You Love Me?  
Col. D2072.

Fox Trot—Why Do You Suppose?  
Fox Trot—My Man Is On The  
Make. Col. D2079.

Waltz—Romance.  
Waltz—Dough-Boy's Lullaby.  
Col. D2079.

Fox Trot—I'll Be Blue Just  
Thinking Of You.  
Fox Trot—Maybe It's Love.  
Col. D2202.

Fox Trot—My Man From Carolina.  
Fox Trot—Still I Love Her.  
Col. D2323.

Fox Trot—Passing Time With Me.  
Fox Trot—You're Simply Delish.  
Col. D2320.

Fox Trot—I've Found What I  
Wanted In You.  
Fox Trot—Sweet and Hot.  
Col. D2414.

Waltz—Another Kiss.  
Slow Fox Trot—You Went Away  
Once Too Often. Col. 5607.

Fox Trot—I Hate Myself.  
Fox Trot—We Can Live On Love.  
Col. 2408-D.

Fox Trot—I've Got Five Dollars.  
Fox Trot—We'll Be The Same.  
Col. D2416.

Fox Trot—Out Of Nowhere.  
Fox Trot—Say A Little Prayer  
For Me. Col. D2430.

Fox Trot—A Faded Summer Love.  
Waltz—Call Me Darling. Col. D2555.

Fox Trot—Tress.  
Fox Trot—Smile Dear Ye, Smile.  
Col. 350.

Fox Trot—Mood Indigo.  
Fox Trot—I've Found A New Baby.  
Col. D2551.

Fox Trot—My Song.  
Fox Trot—This Is The Misuse.  
Col. D2515.

Fox Trot—Song Of Happiness.  
Fox Trot—This Is The Day Of Days.  
Col. M2424.

Waltz—When I Look To The West.  
Waltz—When The Organ Played  
At Twilight. Col. D2379.

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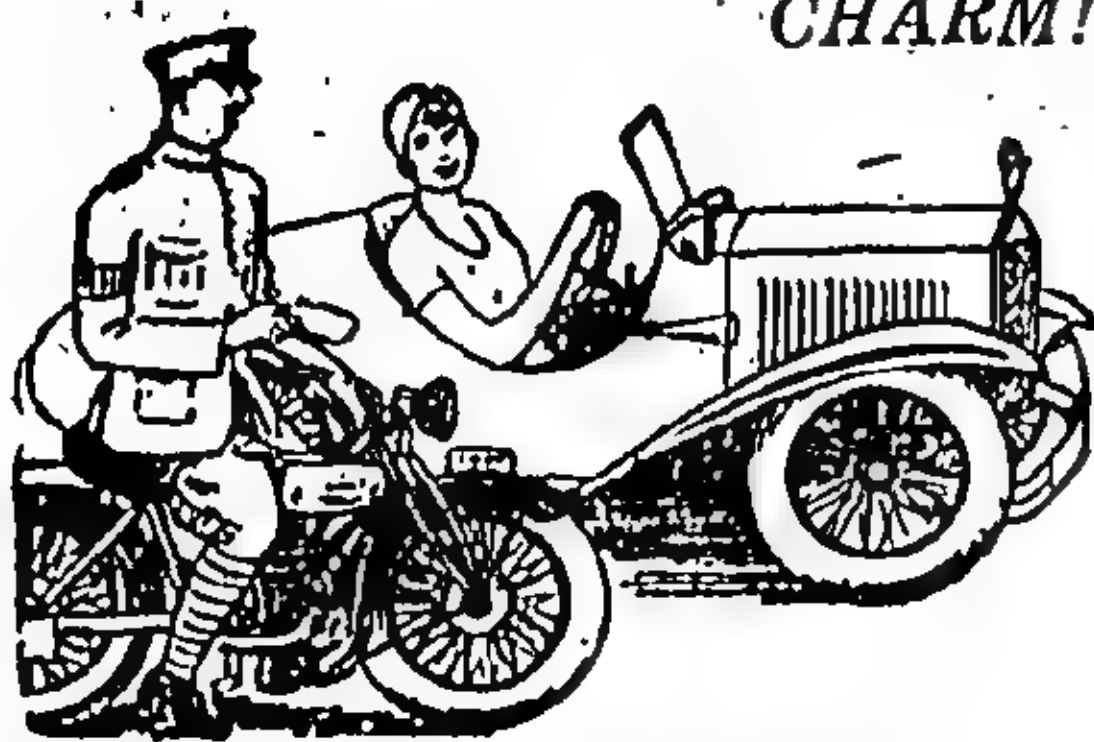
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1.30 p.m. "Sui An" "

SUNDAY, DEC. 27th.

9 a.m. "Taisan" From H.K.  
9 a.m. "Venezia" "  
3.30 p.m. "Sui An" "

### RETURNING SUNDAY

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## SCOTLAND AGAIN TRIUMPH.

### XMAS INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

### GREAT FOOTBALL.

[By "Wanderer"]

Scotland 3 England 2

Scotland obtained their customary victory over the Sassenachs and on this occasion there could be no quarrel with the verdict. A shade the better side in the opening half, they were infinitely superior in the second, though it took the spur of a snap goal against to enable them to assert their supremacy. England were well represented but did not blend as a side, while being at all times good enough to keep their rivals at full pressure.

It was, in fact, one of the most delightful holiday matches staged for many seasons. The scene of attack changed swiftly, fast and clever movements coming from both sides. In addition to which, a splendid spirit marked the gruelling game, only one "out" being given in the ninety minutes.

Hedley took a ball from under the bar and turned it round the post for a corner to prevent a goal accruing from the only occasion in the first half when the respective defences faltered, and the sides crossed over with no score. Howe gave England the lead when the second half was fifteen minutes old and the spirited Scottish reply resulted in a penalty from which McKelvie made no mistake. From that moment Scotland dominated play, McTavish obtained a brilliant goal with a terrific first time drive, though Campbell may have been offside when he broke away, and then Campbell put the result beyond doubt, netting directly from a corner. Howe reduced the lead with the greatest of ease when Dixon left him a clear field some five minutes from the end.

Scotland's teamwork gained them the day, McKelvie holding the side together splendidly by precept and example. I don't think he wasted a ball the whole game and his tackling and defensive work generally was almost worthy of McKelvie at his best. He was splendidly supported by Hay and Gordon, the half-back line being perhaps Scotland's most efficient division. Forward, there was too much dilly-dally until the last half-hour when the line revealed a punching-power one had not imagined existed earlier on. McTavish and Hughes made a dazzling right wing. They were anything but orthodox and had Bliss guessing time and again. Wylie was an alert leader, and Campbell also showed splendid form. Dixon and Blackburn were hardly as impressive as the rest of the side, though they were guilty of few blunders.

Strange and Hedley distinguished themselves for England in defence. Strange again and again intervened when the trickery of the Scottish right wing had placed England's goal in jeopardy, while Hedley's polished exhibition brought him triumphant out of many a tight corner. Martin did many good things, but was erratic, and Skinner, sound enough in defence, did little effective constructive work. The forwards were not well supported by their halves. Skinner and Rawson were the better of two fairly good wings, and Howe played with his customary skill in the centre.

## FANLING GOLF.

### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times for the old and new courses on Sunday are as follows:

New Course.  
8.28 Mrs. Sherry, H. M. Muir.  
9.30 G. V. T. Marshall, J. D. Danby.  
Old Course.  
9.10—9.20 a.m. not to be booked by players travelling by 8.28 a.m. train.  
9.24 A. E. Lissaman, W. R. Vallance.  
9.28 L. G. S. Dodwell, A. Sommerfeld.  
9.32 R. K. Hopburn, A. Reid.  
9.36 J. P. Sherry, G. W. Sowell.  
9.40 H. Hampton, A. W. Muir.  
9.44 A. C. I. Bowker, D. G. Bruce.  
9.48 N. K. Littlejohn, A. R. Cox.  
9.52 K. S. Robertson, C. Mycock.  
9.56 R. Young, D. Forbes.  
10.00 A. B. Purves, E. des Voeux.  
10.04 V. R. Gordon, A. Ritchie.  
10.08 W. A. Weight, J. S. Dykes.  
10.12 I. G. Allison, G. E. R. Divett.  
10.16 J. W. Alabaster, A. O. Brown.  
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10.36 J. P. Hollingdale, R. R. Davies.  
10.40 H. H. Williams, H. C. Gould.  
10.44 H. C. Shrubsole, J. Coulthart.  
10.48 L. R. Andrews, F. A. Merry.  
10.52 H. C. Watson, J. R. Masson.  
10.56 W. C. Shields, I. H. Geare.  
11.00 D. J. Fraser, S. R. Waller.  
11.04 J. R. Hinton, R. C. Law.  
11.08 T. Levy, T. R. Chasseis.  
11.12 F. A. Redmond, A. D. Humphreys.  
11.16 P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanyon.  
11.20 C. J. D. Law, S. J. H. Fox.  
11.24 W. D. Denham, G. B. McKerrin.  
These players (the first four on the Old Course after the arrival of 8.28 a.m. train) should get their clubs and go to the first tee where caddies will be waiting for them. They will get their discs from the Superintendent.

### 12 CATS DEAD IN FIRE.

### OUTBREAK AT LADY HEADLAM-MORLEY'S.

Twelve cats were burned to death in a fire which destroyed part of Lady Headlam-Morley's house in St. Mary's-road, Wimbledon Park, S.W.

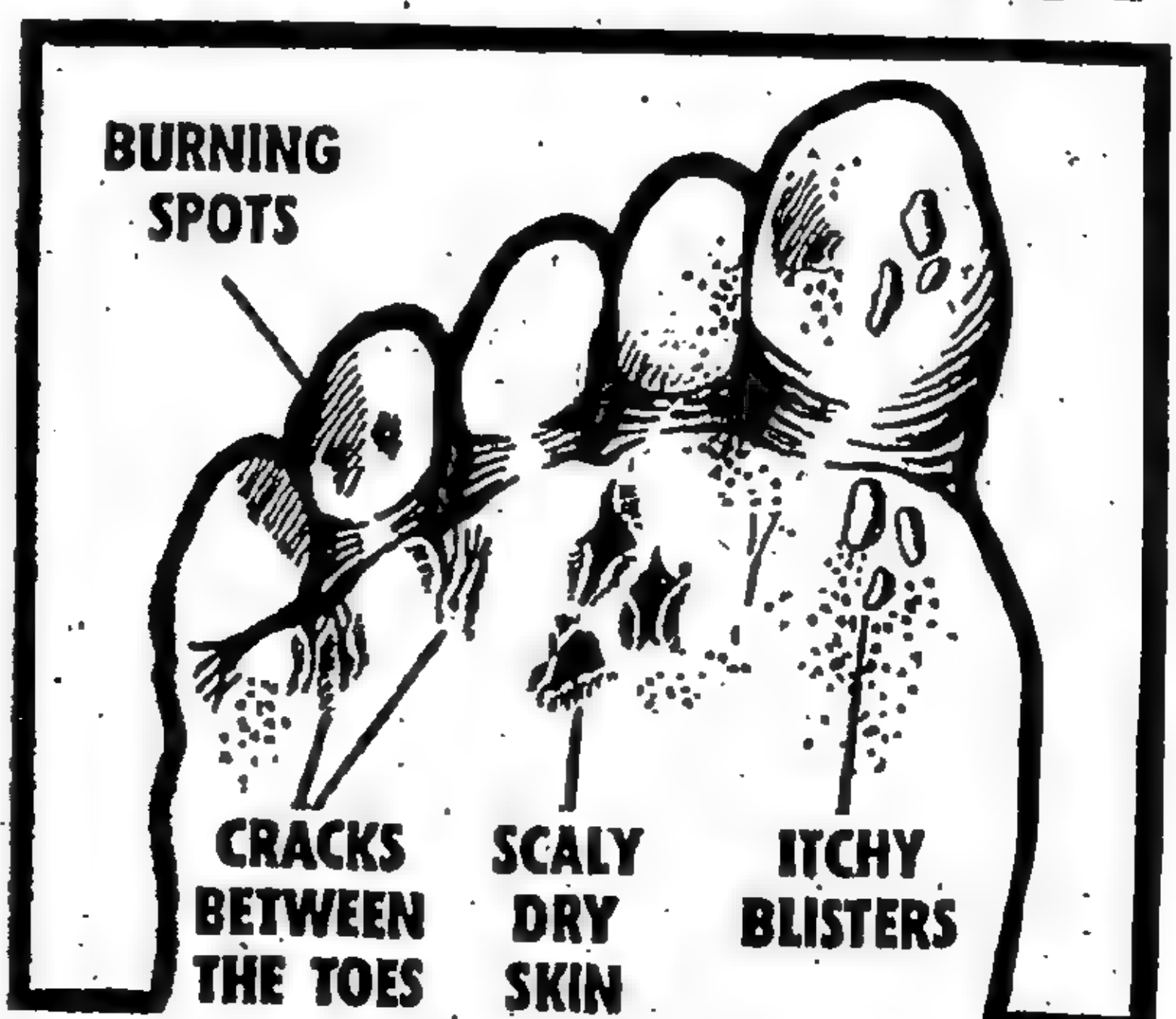
It is believed that the outbreak began in a room in which the cats were kept, where a fire was kept continually burning for their comfort.

Lady Headlam-Morley is in Germany, and only two servants were in the house. They awoke to discover it filled with thick smoke, through which they found their way downstairs and gave the alarm.

Lady Headlam-Morley, whose husband, a distinguished historian, died in 1929, was afterwards granted the rank which would have been hers had he survived to be knighted. She is of German birth, and spends much time in Germany, where she is well known for her musical work, including an orchestral overture, "Leonard," which was performed in Berlin recently.

brought him triumphant out of many a tight corner. Martin did many good things, but was erratic, and Skinner, sound enough in defence, did little effective constructive work. The forwards were not well supported by their halves. Skinner and Rawson were the better of two fairly good wings, and Howe played with his customary skill in the centre.

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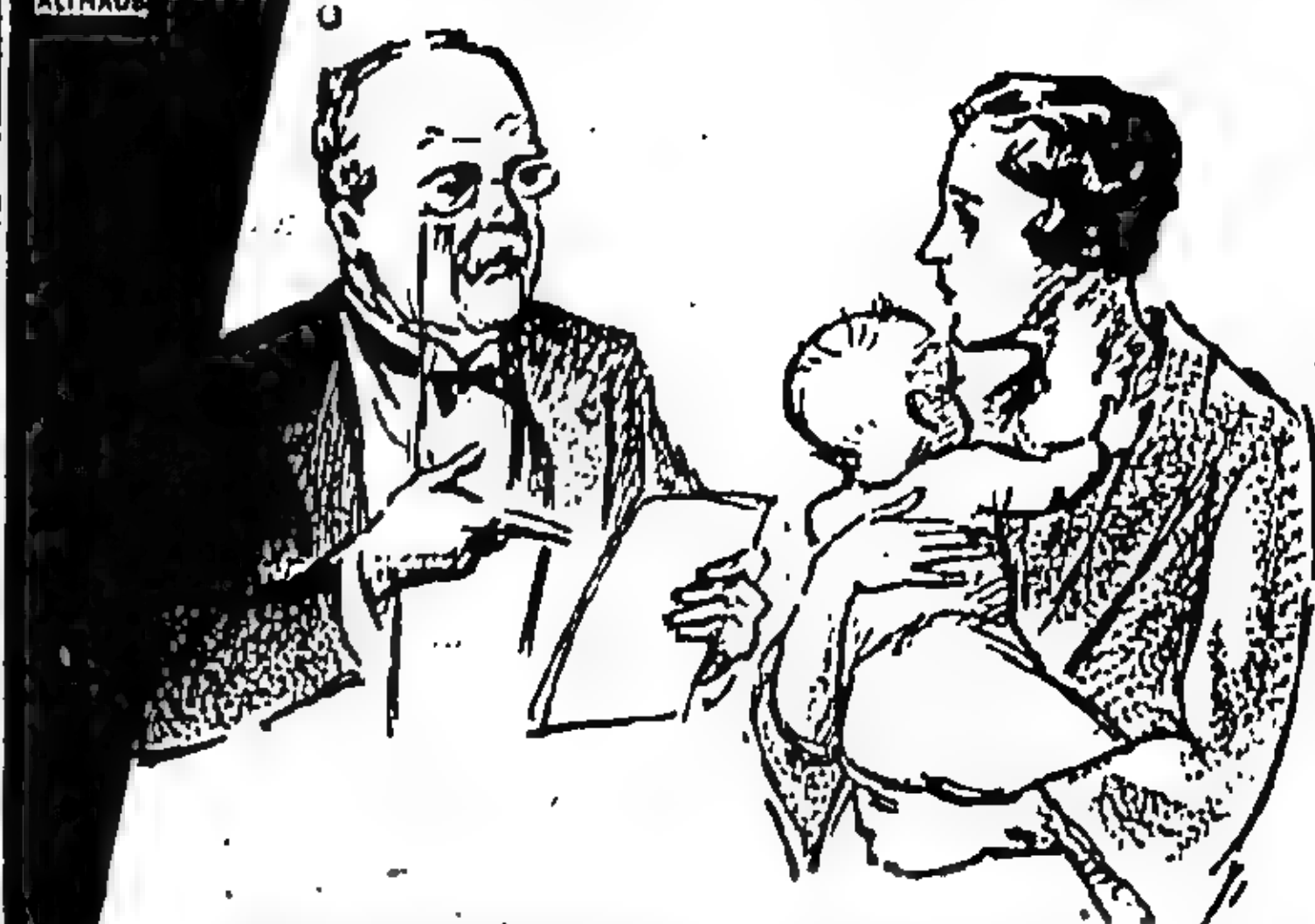
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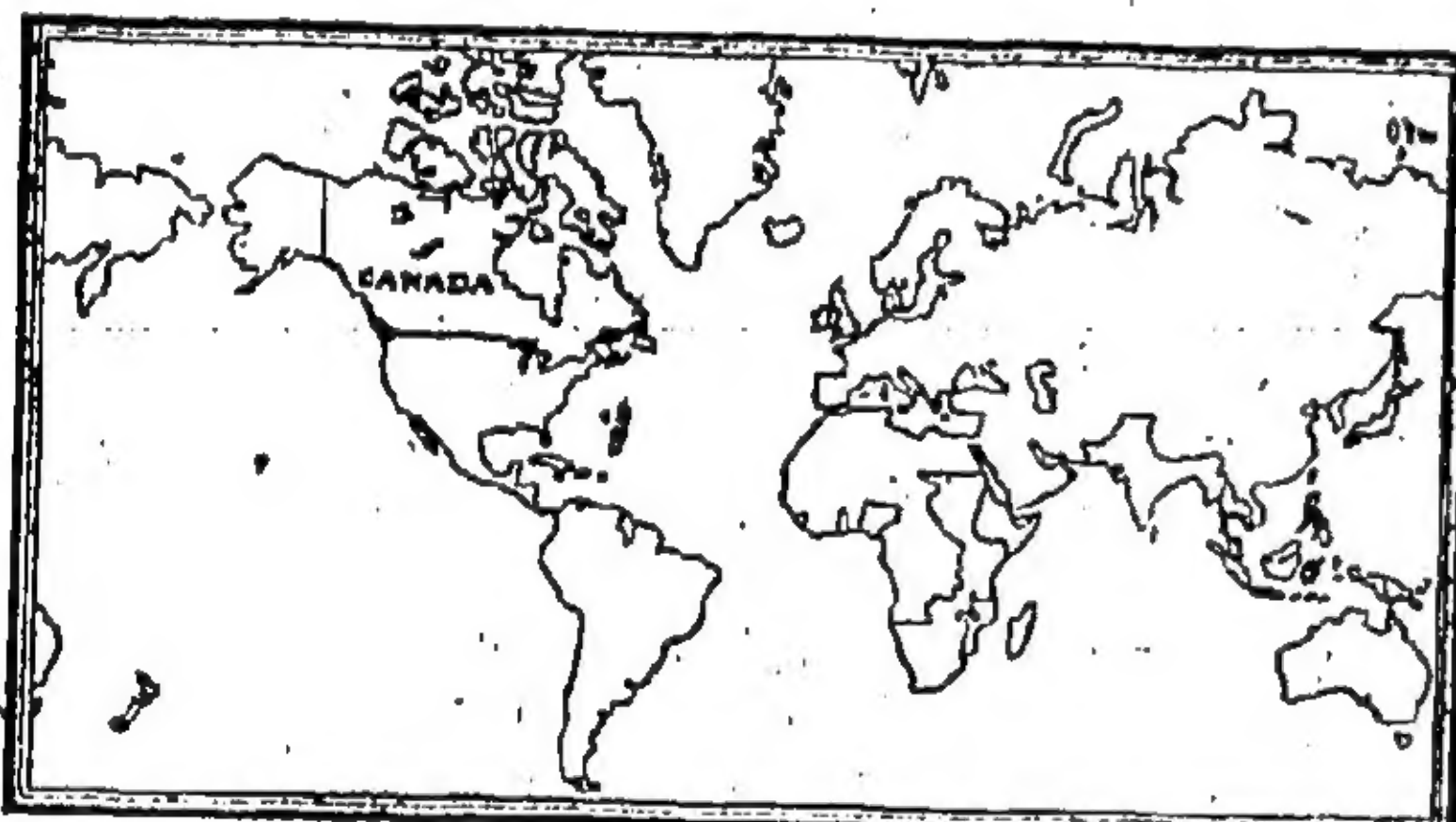
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If Charlie Ruggles doesn't this year get one of those awards given by somebody or other for the premier comedy-acting of the season, then a lot of people are going to be disappointed. For the eminently funny Mr. Ruggles has a big following among the honoured gentry who take (or leave) their amusement on the talking screen—and he'll add thousands to the hosts of Ruggles admirers after "The Girl Habit" gets circulated around the country.

This picture, showing at the King's Theatre caused audiences there to shriek with laughter. The plot is not a complicated one. It doesn't have to be, for the abundant comedy situations provide all the complications required to give Ruggles full play for his acting as a fun-maker. His own deft style of making laughs grow where another lesser comedian would fall is shown to great advantage in this farce.

Our hero is seen as a wealthy bachelor-about-town whose attentive habits where girls are concerned bounce back at him when he gives up the chase of all girls and centres his devotion on Sue Conroy, society debutante, to whom he becomes engaged. The preparations for their marriage are blighted by the appearance of an ex-flame with a bundle of old love-letters from Charlie. At first she threatens to blackmail him, but later relents, promising to hand over the damaging epistles if he will come to her apartment. When he arrives there he is discovered by her jealous husband—a tough gangster, who swears he will "get" Charlie. The ensuing events keep Charlie in a prolonged state of "hot water." He must dodge the gangster, keep the ex-flame out of sight, and prevent his fiancée and her mother from recovering his "plight." He finally has to get himself arrested to elude the pursuing gangster and his wife. But even in jail his troubles continue. For the old "girl habit" crops up again; he becomes attentive, un-mutilated, of course, to the war-torn's wife, and his prospective mother-in-law, an old-fashioned prison reform committee, finds him in a seemingly compromising position when she visits the institution. But the tangles are untangled in the end, to the accompaniment of roars of hilarity.

Donald Meek, as Ruggles' manservant heads the support. Tamara Geva, famous as the star dancer of "Three's a Crowd" on the New York stage, makes her film debut as the ex-sweetheart.

## "Grumpy."

His enthusiasm for talking motion pictures has brought Cyril Maude, a stage star for almost half a century, out of retirement. Four years ago Maude retired from the stage after having been starred in more than 100 plays and settled down to live quietly in London. But only three months ago he was in Hollywood noting again in the role that he played 1,300 times in three continents—the famous stage character, Grumpy. The picture, "Grumpy," comes to the King's Theatre tomorrow.

When interviewed in Hollywood about his comeback, Maude declared that he was a convert to the talking screen. "Talking pictures," he asserted, "have such amazing possibilities that I wanted to have a part in them. The stage or the silent screen never could have induced me to give up the retirement I had planned so long and was enjoying so thoroughly.

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America and play the part of "Grumpy"—and here I am." Maude made his stage debut in Denver, Col., while he was visiting in America to recover from a youthful illness. During his long career he has appeared in command performances before the late King Edward VII and the present King George V of England.

Learning jargon of the race-track and the intricate art of "dealing from the bottom," "Stacking the Deck" and so forth is almost like going to school all over again. At least, so says Lew Cody, who made his home to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, where most of his big successes were made, to play his first role here since his recent illness in "Sporting Blood."

The role was that of Tip Scanlon, the gambling magnate. The script called for plenty of racing slang—not the slang one hears on the grandstand, but the slang of the inner circle of the trainers, horse owners and bookmakers. Also he had to know the trickery of cards.

The new story is a vivid drama of the racing game, with Clark Gable and Madge Evans as central figures who find regeneration in bringing an abused racehorse back to health. Charles Brabin directed the picture with a notable cast that includes Harry Holman, Ernest Torrence, Marie Prevost, Hallam Cooley, and others. Thrills of the Kentucky Derby and other famous races are among the highlights of the dramatic love story, now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Mothers never take a back seat on the stage or in motion pictures, and the actress who specializes in such roles has the most appealing and the most versatile of all characteristics, according to Emma Dunn, who has devoted more than twenty-four years of her life to portraying motherhood on stage and screen.

Miss Dunn, who became the ideal Spanish mother for "The Texan," featuring Gary Cooper, is probably the most famous portray of mother parts on the American stage to-day. And she believes that an actress who devotes her study to this one type of role has a wealth of material to draw upon.

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Miss Dunn's first mothers role was of Ase, the peasant woman in "Pur Gym." That was in 1906 and Miss Dunn was mother to an actor much older than herself. As Ruth Warren in "The Warrens of Virginia," Frank Keenan was her husband, and her children included Mary Pickford, Cecil B. DeMille and Marjorie Walker. In "The Texan," which is having its final showing at the Central Theatre to-day, Miss Dunn plays the mother of Gary Cooper. Also, in every other member of the cast, which includes Fay Wray, known for "That's the Story."

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"So he comes to his end, a Puritan rebel who insulted his times and was well paid for it. . . . A white-bearded sage with a funny twist in mind, not in any sense a man to be feared any more."

With this disillusioned farewell to the old friend in whom he had believed wholeheartedly forty years before, the late Frank Harris ends his own part in "Bernard Shaw. An Unauthorised Biography. Based on First-Hand Information, with a Postscript by Mr. Shaw," published (Victor Gollancz, 8s. 6d.).

In several respects it is certainly the queerest biography ever written—the combined product, as author and subject, of two men of genius and of diametrically opposite temperaments, both over seventy, and both utterly unregardful of any sort of convention.

So far as concerns the facts of Shaw's upbringing—both in Ireland and England—there need be little division of opinion. A good deal is taken from Shaw's own prefaces, novels and letters, and from Dr. Henderson's official "Life."

We already know something about the "shabby genteel" menage in Dublin—the drunken and squinting father, the mother who made a religion of music, and the Svengali-like lodger, George John Vandeleur Lee, teacher of singing, who afterwards transferred his "method" to Parklane.

With the instinct of a master of the short story, Harris concentrates on Lee. It was to Lee's influence Shaw owed largely the fact that he was steeped in music almost from the cradle, and knew every note of Mozart before he had even seen an opera performed. Although the domination of Lee over Mrs. Shaw appears to have been complete, Shaw assures Harris in a letter that she was never Lee's mistress.

Shaw as Cashier.  
 The "hegira" of Mrs. Shaw, with her daughter and Lee, from Dublin

to London in 1871 preceded Shaw's own pilgrimage. He stayed for four years in Dublin afterwards, in lodgings with his father. Shaw had left the Wesleyan Connexion School at fifteen, and had a job as cashier at Townshend's estate office.

In this connexion Harris suggests that Shaw's progress has been seldom due to his own initiative. It was his mother who came first to London. It was through hearing Henry George, the author of "Progress and Poverty," at Farringdon Hall, that he joined the already-formed Fabian Society, with Hyndman, Mr. Sidney Webb (the future Lord Passfield), and Mrs. Sidney Webb, and the future Lord Olivier.

It was William Archer who, after nine years of unsuccessful novel-writing on Shaw's part, got him his first critical work on the "Pall Mall Gazette" and "World." It was Archer also who planned and suggested Shaw's first play, "Widowers' Houses." Possibly, Harris overdoes this notion. To have written five novels without one acceptance hardly suggests lack of initiative—not counting some of Shaw's later adventures.

Although Harris did not know Shaw's future dramatic critic in the earlier part of Shaw's 20 years' sojourn with mother and sister at 29, Fitzroy-square, he reminds us that Shaw was a very different-looking person before he blossomed out into the costume familiar to the "Nineties." Shaw's first employment on his arrival in London was in the "wayleave" department of the Edison Telephone Company. He made his round of shopkeepers and others in comparatively "business-like" apparel.

This, however, grew more and more seedy during the novel-writing period—1879 to 1885—from which the sum of his literary earnings was £5 16s. 6d. Ultimately the black coat became green; the cuffs pared to the quick. The top-hat, which Shaw then favoured, had to be worn back to front. The rim had grown too soft for it to be otherwise lifted.

##### As Contributor.

As Shaw's editor on the Saturday Review, Harris's remembrances are entirely happy. "Well or ill," he writes, "he was a most admirable contributor, always punctual unless there was some

### HANDY COIL OF ROPE.

#### WIFE'S WHIM JUSTIFIES ITSELF.

London, Dec. 24.

A wife's whim that for years had threatened to mar the domestic bliss of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, of Pinner, Middlesex, justified itself last night, and saved their lives.

Since her marriage the wife had always insisted, despite the husband's protests, on keeping a coil of rope in the bedroom. Last night the couple were awakened by smoke and found the staircase ablaze. Notwithstanding her anxiety to reach safety, the wife murmured triumphantly as she tied the rope to the foot of the bed, "I told you so," and let herself down into the street. Her husband also availed himself of the rope.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

good reason for being late, always scrupulous, correcting the proofs heavily, with rare conscientiousness, and always doing his very best.

Harris says he would not describe Shaw as a "chameleon on a plaid" he considers that in later years he has always had an eye to profitable publicity—or what he terms "Shawmanship." He recalls Oscar Wilde's not wholly accurate dictum upon Shaw that he "has not an enemy in the world, but none of his friends likes him."

To all this Shaw answers in "a spirit of sympathetic railery." "Frank," he says, "was a man of splendid vision. . . . He ultimately quarrelled with everybody but Shakespeare, and this book contains several attempts to quarrel with me. But I bear no malice, as he is at bottom trying to quarrel with a scheme of things in which fellows like me crawl between earth and heaven and snatch little successes in which there is no sort of justice and fundamentally no reality."

The most surprising revelations in the book are contained in Shaw's letters to Harris in regard to early amours. The sheer shamelessness of the recollections makes its author's recent errors against taste trivial so far as the abandonment of self-respect is concerned.

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## THE PREMIER ON HIS "PAST."

## TWO UNDYING MEMORIES.

London, Nov. 26.

More than 700 guests, mainly Scots, assembled at the Connaught Rooms, Kingsway, last night to honour the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, at dinner.

The Earl of Elgin presided, and Mr. MacDonald was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Isabel, and his sons, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P., and Mr. Alister MacDonald.

Many of those present were attired in clan tartans, and among the guests were the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Lang), the Aga Khan, Sir J. M. Barrie, the Earl of Dunmore, Viscountess Snowden, Sir John Lavery, Sir Ian Hamilton, the Marquis and Marchioness of Huntly, and the Earl of Incheape.

## The Wandering Past.

The toast of "Mr. MacDonald," proposed by Col. John Buchan, M.P., and supported by Lord Incheape, was enthusiastically received, and as Mr. MacDonald rose the company sprang to their feet cheering and waving table napkins.

"The best thing for me to do," said Mr. MacDonald, "is in the most simple language to say 'Thank you,' and at the same time to confess that I feel very proud that you have honoured me." He proceeded:

I would be far more than human and I am afraid I am endowed with all the weaknesses of humanity—if while I sat here I did not feel that the past was my most intimate and immediate companion, if the past was not sitting by me at this moment in open-eyed wonder at what has happened.

The past throws up its hands in simple bewilderment, like the old Losemouth fishwife who greeted me a few years ago and said, with homely, kindly, and simple expression, "Weel, Jimmie, wondrous will never cease."

It is a wonderful progression of events and incidents which passes before me—and how small the world is in it all!

There is Barrie, for instance. One of the main distinctions which Barrie and I have in common is that he had a great schoolmaster for three hours, I believe, but he was so unruly that he was kicked out. I had the same schoolmaster for about two years.

And not only that. When the wanderer came to London and walked up and down the streets looking for something which would have cheered his decent young Scots heart and given him some satisfaction he found a certain baker's shop

## MISSING IN LONDON.

## PLANTER SUFFERS A LOSS OF MEMORY.

London, Dec. 26.

The planter, Mr. Robert Taylor, who was reported missing yesterday, has been found in a Kensington Hotel. He is declared to be suffering from loss of memory as the result of an attack of malaria.—*Reuter*.

in Red Lion-street. I found the same baker's shop, and just as Barrie went to buy cheap and delicious buns so did I.

It is very strange how some of one's experiences survive. May I give you two of mine? They will be the last that will pass through my consciousness.

## One Frosty Morning.

It is a very hard, frosty morning. We have got up while it is still dark, and we have trudged a mile or two along a frost-bound road. We get into a potato field, where that extraordinary machine, which used to go round knocking up the potatoes in full swing.

I am leaning on a basket, into which the potatoes are being gathered, and find it difficult to keep the tears out of my eyes on account of my frostbitten hands. Somebody who is over-keen of us all comes and gives me a slap on my frostbitten ear. "The very thought of it at this moment makes me shiver with pain. And sitting sometimes on the front bench and allowing my thoughts to wander, that incident comes back to me and I rub my sorely injured, frostbitten ear."

Here is the other memory. It is a field in harvest time and a score of people are laughing and singing, busy binding the sheaves and putting them into the stacks.

A young woman dressed in a print frock, with a sun hat on her head, stops and holds out her hand to a youth of about three years of age. We walk home together through woods, bathed in sunshine, where the birds are singing happily, holding each other's hands.

That is the second memory that will live with me for ever.

I can remember how the very thought of a Poor Law dole so horrified one that one would almost have been induced to commit suicide rather than accept it. We went to get back that spirit into Scotland once again. We went if we can. I do not know if we can, to prevent this stagnation of life, that is becoming so prevalent.

We want to banish the dull and unimaginative from life. People who say you can only do that when you are well endowed with this world's goods do not understand. I have never bowed, and I never will bow, to anybody simply because they are better-to-do than I.

## THE MANCHURIAN TENSION.

## BRITISH, FRENCH AND U.S. APPREHENSIONS.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.

The serious concern of the respective Governments regarding the possibility of a clash between Chinese and Japanese regular troops at Chinchow is understood to be expressed in aide memoirs presented by the British and French Ambassadors.

Similar apprehensions were verbally expressed by the American Ambassador when he visited Mr. Inukai this morning. Mr. Inukai is reported to have replied to Ambassador Forbes that the present operations are directed entirely against bandits and other lawless elements, though it is emphasised that there is little difference between Chinese regulars and irregulars, for which reason it is advisable that the Chinchow regulars withdraw voluntarily, for the purpose of avoiding a possible clash.—*Reuter*.

## GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

ness name, such as it is," Mary reminded him. "I'm afraid I must see it through."

Dirk kissed her fingers tenderly, his lips lingering on her ringed third finger.

"Surely it's not necessary now," he teased, gently. "A month more and you'll be Mrs. Dirk Ruyther. Had you forgotten?"

Mary hadn't. For several moments they were oblivious of everything but that unbelievable fact.

"You're not going to mind, are you, if Mr. Bowen and I follow up those clues he has?" Even as she recounted the news of the coat excitedly, she was aware that Dirk's manner had hardened suddenly, and that he was definitely angry now.

"Don't you know better, he said with measured, reproving accents, 'than to talk to newspapermen?'"

"But surely," Mary asked, amazed. "Mr. Bowen's harmless! Why, he's done more to clear up the matter than anybody else—the police, or you, or anybody."

"And why has he? For the sake of a story, that's why!" Stumblingly, Mary tried to defend her own estimate of Bowen.

She felt that Dirk was unfair, but she did not know how to refute his charges.

"Society, and millions, and a pretty girl!" Dirk went on. "If that isn't a perfect combination for him, I don't know what is! And you let him drag you into it all over again, just when we'd got it stopped!"

"Oh, so you did stop it?" "I did. And it stays stopped, if I have anything to say about it."

They faced each other, breathing hard. Mary had not dreamed they could ever quarrel like this.

"It is not over for me. It will never be over, until I've found out what the truth is," Mary was shaking as she issued her ultimatum.

Dirk snapped, "Very well. But don't see this man Bowen again."

"I'll see him as often as it's necessary."

"Then—good night." Dirk turned on his heel and strode angrily to the door.

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The erection of the exhibition matched at Shek Wu Hui, near Sheungshui Railway Station, was begun several days ago. Printer's proofs in English and Chinese are now ready of the Handbook, containing Schedule of Exhibits, rules for exhibitors and conditions under which exhibits will be received by the Committee. This beautifully got-up booklet, with expensive plates and interesting articles will be put on sale at 20 cents a copy on January 5 and can be had on application to the Hon. English Secretary, Mr. J. D. Bush, Sixth Floor, China Building.

Apart from the usual entertainment, theatrical performances, etc. the Committee has introduced several new features in the programme for the coming Show, of a nature interest in the promotion of Agriculture in the New Territories. Among some of the items are simple lectures to the farmers on scientific farming, such as soil survey, water irrigation, animal husbandry and public health.

Promises of assistance from the Lingnan Agricultural College and The New Territories Medical Benevolent Society have been received.

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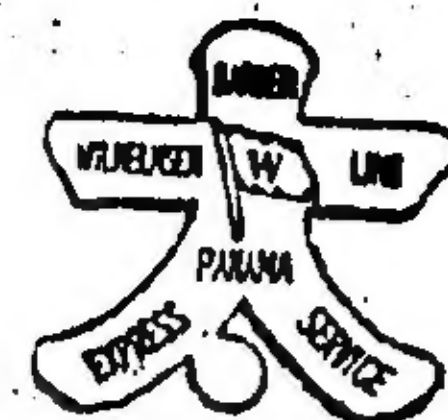
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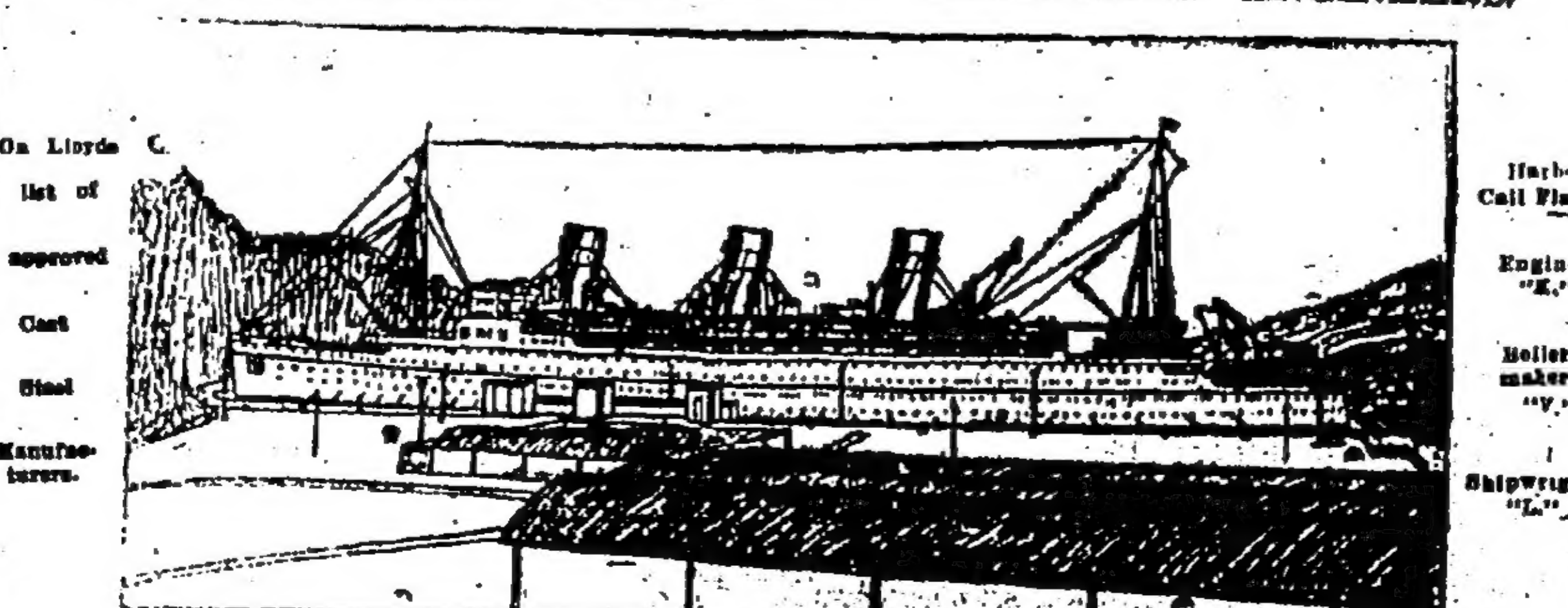
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### THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

MR. HUGH GIBSON TO  
REPRESENT U.S.

Washington Dec. 24.  
Mr. Hugh Gibson, noted member  
of the United States diplomatic  
service, has been appointed to the  
American delegation which is to  
attend the World Disarmament  
Conference at Geneva in February.

Mr. Gibson, who entered the  
diplomatic service in 1908, has  
served on numerous international  
conferences, including that for  
the control of traffic in arms, 1925;  
the Preparatory Disarmament  
Conference, 1926-27, and the  
Naval Armament Limitation Con-  
ference, of 1927, of which he was  
chairman.

He was also a member of the  
Inter-Allied Mission to Austria-  
Hungary, 1919; and Director of  
the Commission for relief in Bel-  
gium. He has been Minister to  
Poland and Switzerland, and has  
also held high posts in Paris and  
Brussels.—*Reuter's American Ser-  
vice.*

### MOTOR-CYCLE MISHAP ON THE PEAK.

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his left.

It was while performing this  
manoeuvre that the accident  
occurred, the machine turning  
over with considerable force,  
hitting a retaining wall, and  
throwing Mr. and Mrs. Taylor  
heavily to the road.

Fortunately, Mr. and Mrs. V. M.  
Grayburn were driving past at  
the time, and together with Mr.  
and Mrs. M. St. J. Walsh, near  
whose house the accident happen-  
ed, rendered valuable assistance.

Mrs. Taylor in Hospital.

Mrs. Taylor received consider-  
able shock and was badly bruised,  
while Mr. Taylor was also  
severely bruised, but as soon as  
it was ascertained that the in-  
juries were not of more serious  
character, they were driven to  
their house. Later in the day,  
Mrs. Taylor was admitted to the  
Victoria Hospital where her many  
friends will be relieved to know  
she is making a rapid recovery.

The machine was badly damag-  
ed and was removed from the  
scene yesterday.

Hongkong was fortunate in having  
delightful weather for Christmas Day,  
much to the joy of golfers, tennis  
players and hikers. The customary  
services in the various churches were  
well attended, whilst at night many  
private parties were held.

### DISASTROUS DAY FOR LEADERS.

Fall By Wayside in  
Xmas Soccer.

#### VILLA'S BIG WIN.

London, Dec. 25.  
Christmas Day proved dis-  
astrous for the majority of  
the leader of the divisions of  
the English League.

Everton, West Bromwich  
Albion, Arsenal, Huddersfield  
and Sheffield Wednesday, at  
the top of the first division in  
that order, were all defeated,  
the Arsenal by 4-1 at Sheffield  
and Wednesday by 3-1 at Liver-  
pool. The Albion lost at home  
to Birmingham.

Aston Villa scored seven times  
against Middlesbrough without re-  
ply. Leeds United and Wolverhampton,  
joint leaders of the Second  
Division, were both defeated on  
foreign soil, while in the Third  
Division (South), one goes down  
to Exeter, seventh in the table be-  
fore finding a victorious side.  
Exeter imposed a fourth defeat on  
Southend. Brentford and Fulham  
were in opposition and drew. In  
the Northern Section, the leaders,  
Gateshead, were on the winning  
side, but their nearest rivals, Lin-  
coln and York City both lost.

#### Biggest Win of Day.

Tranmere scored the biggest win  
of the day, 9-1 at home to Rochdale.  
Splendid away victories were ob-  
tained by Chelsea, Charlton Athletic  
and Queen's Park Rangers.

The full results, as cabled by  
Reuter and our own correspondents,  
follow:

First Division.					
Aston Villa	7	Middlesbrough	0	Crystal Pal.	0
Blackburn	5	Everton	3	Gillingham	3
Blackpool	2	Chelsea	4	Luton	2
Bolton	1	Leicester	0	Manfield	3
Grimsby	2	West Ham	1	Southend	0
Liverpool	3	Wednesday	1	Thames	0
Newcastle	2	Huddersfield	1	Torquay	2
Newcastle U.	4	Arsenal	1	Watford	1
Sheffield U.	2	Birmingham	1		
West Brom.	0				
Second Division.			Third Division (North).		
Bradford	3	Leeds	0	Accrington	5
Burnley	2	Preston	2	Chester	2
Chesterfield	1	Southampton	0	Crewe	5
Manchester U.	3	Wolves	0	Doncaster	1
Millwall	2	Barnsley	0	Hull City	3
Notts County	4	Port Vale	0	Southport	5
Stoke City	2	Notts Forest	1	Stockport	0
Swansea	0	Bradford City	1	Tranmere	3
Tottenham	0	Charlton	1	Barrow	3
Bristol City	1	Oldham	1	Halifax	1
Third Division (South).			Scottish League, Div. II.		
Brentford	0	Fulham	0	Edinburgh	4
Clapton O.	1	Bournemouth	2	Dumbarton	2
Coventry	5	Reading	1		

### LONDON'S XMAS PARCELS.

FORTY THOUSAND  
TONS HANDLED.

London, Dec. 24.  
On the eve of the Christmas  
holiday, the streets are crowded  
with shoppers, and railway and  
long-distance motor-coach stations  
are thronged with travellers. In  
connexion with the special services,  
hundreds of additional trains are  
being run.

The Post Office and railways are  
dealing with a large parcels traffic.  
The London terminus of one Com-  
pany has been handling five hun-  
dred tons daily, and six of the de-  
pots claim to have passed forty  
thousand tons of Christmas traffic.  
The celebrations at the London  
hotels include fancy dress dances,  
cabarets and concerts.—*British  
Wireless.*

#### The Royal Family.

London, Dec. 24.  
The Prince of Wales, the Duke  
and Duchess of York and Prince  
George are travelling to Sandring-  
ham to-day to join the King and  
Queen over the Christmas. Prin-  
cesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose  
are already with Their Majesties.  
The Court is not expected back  
in London until February.—*British  
Wireless.*

### IL DUCE'S BORTHER SUCCUMBS.

HEART ATTACK WHILE  
MOTORING.

Milan, Dec. 21.  
Arnaldo Mussolini, younger  
brother of the Italian Premier,  
died suddenly today of a heart  
attack while in his automobile.  
The dictator's brother was editor  
of *Popolo d'Italia*, the newspaper  
he formed founded at the outbreak  
of the World War when Benito  
Mussolini broke with the Socialist  
party over the question of Italian  
intervention.

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